



HOUSE BILL 918: Post Crime On Social Media/Enhanced Sentence.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary II. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations	Date:	May 23, 2017
Introduced by:	Reps. Pierce, John, Setzer, Blust	Prepared by:	Susan Sitze
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 918 would create a sentence enhancement for any person convicted of a violent felony who intentionally posts a clip depicting the commission of the felony on the internet and would appropriate funds to be used by the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys (Conference of District Attorneys) to establish a resource prosecutor position.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would create a new sentence enhancement for anyone convicted of a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony who intentionally posts a clip depicting the commission of the felony on the Internet. The enhancement would add 24 months to the minimum term of imprisonment to which the person is sentenced. The maximum term of imprisonment would then be determined based on the new minimum term of imprisonment.

Section 2 of the bill would appropriate \$120,191 to the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to be allocated to the Conference of District Attorneys to establish and support a resource prosecutor position that would serve as a State resource regarding the prosecution of violent crimes intentionally posted on the Internet.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 of this act would become effective December 1, 2017, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act would become effective July 1, 2017.

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