OVERVIEW: Sec. 18B.3 of S.L. 2018-5 requires the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission (Commission) to do both of the following:

- Develop projections of available bed space in the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program (Program). The projections must cover the next five fiscal years. The Commission must report its projections to the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than February 15, 2019, and annually thereafter.

- Study the feasibility of developing five-year population projections for the Program, including an examination of whether or not the existing population simulation model should be modified or replaced. The Commission must report the results of the feasibility study to the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than February 15, 2019.

This section became effective July 1, 2018.