

HOUSE BILL 629: Law Enforcement Mutual Aid.

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OVERVIEW: S.L. 2019-130 authorizes mutual aid agreements between North Carolina law enforcement agencies and out-of-state law enforcement agencies.

The act became effective July 19, 2019.

Prior to the enactment of S.L. 2019-130, G.S. 160A-288 authorized police departments and sheriff's offices in North Carolina to enter into mutual aid agreements with other police departments and sheriff's offices within North Carolina. Officers acting under a mutual aid agreement have the same jurisdiction as the agency they are assisting, and are subject to the law commands of that agency, but remain under the administrative control of and are paid by their employing agency.

This act amends G.S. 160A-288 to also authorize municipal police departments, county police departments, and sheriff's offices to enter into mutual aid agreements with a municipal police department, a county police department, or a sheriff's office of another state if the laws of the other state allow out-of-state mutual aid agreements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective July 19, 2019.

