

2019-2020 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 902: Purchase and Contract Changes/Global Transportation/Prison Pilot, Part V: Clarify District Attorney Discretion in Registration Requirement Reviews

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Committee:			Date:	November 8, 2020
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Analysis of:	Part V of S.L. 2020-90			Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Part V of S.L. 2020-90 replaces Sec. 11.5(c) of S.L. 2020-83, in order to clarify that the District Attorney has the authority to petition a court to review the sex offender registration requirement for individuals subject to a certain federal court order.

This part of the act became effective July 2, 2020.

BACKGROUND: May 12, 2020, a federal court judge ordered that certain registered sex offenders be removed from the North Carolina Sex Offender Registry. The court found that the process to determine whether an out-of-state conviction was substantially similar to a conviction which would result in sex offender registration in North Carolina, is a question of law. Currently, the law does not require a judicial determination and does not provide an opportunity to appeal.

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