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SENATE BILL 43

Short Title: Forsyth Jails House Juveniles.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senator McDaniel.

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Referred to: State & Local Government and Personnel.

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February 4, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE FORSYTH COUNTY JAIL TO HOUSE JUVENILES ON  
A SEPARATE FLOOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-576(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) A juvenile meeting the criteria set out in G.S. 7A-574(b) may be temporarily detained in an approved county detention home or a regional detention facility which shall be separate from any jail, lockup, prison, or other adult penal ~~institution.~~ institution, except that juveniles may be housed on a separate floor of a jail if the jail meets the following requirements:

(1) There is total separation between juvenile and adult spatial areas so that there could be no haphazard or accidental contact between juvenile and adult residents in the facilities.

(2) There is total separation of all juvenile and adult program activities, including recreation, education, counseling, health care, dining, sleeping, and other living activities.

(3) There is separate juvenile and adult staff, including management, security, and direct care staff such as recreation, education, and counseling. Specialized services staff, such as cooks, bookkeepers, and medical professionals who are not normally in contact with detainees or

1                    whose infrequent contacts occur under conditions of separation of  
2                    juveniles and adults, are allowed to serve both juveniles and adults.  
3                    (4)    The area in which juveniles are housed complies with the standards and  
4                    rules adopted by the Department of Human Resources for juvenile  
5                    detention homes.

6 It shall be unlawful for a county or any unit of government to operate a juvenile detention  
7 home unless the facility meets the standards promulgated by the Department of Human  
8 Resources."

9                    Section 2. This act applies to Forsyth County only.

10                   Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.