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SENATE BILL DRS45172-RI-24

Short Title: Military Base Protection Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brown, Newton, and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF WIND  
3 ENERGY FACILITIES IN AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE IMPACTS OF VERTICAL  
4 OBSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGH, WITH  
5 A HIGH RISK FOR DEGRADING SAFETY AND THE MILITARY'S ABILITY TO  
6 PERFORM AVIATION TRAINING.  
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
8 SECTION 1. Article 21C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by  
9 adding a new section to read:  
10 "§ 143-215.116A. Wind energy facilities prohibited in certain areas.  
11 Construction, operation, or expansion activities associated with a wind energy facility shall  
12 be prohibited in any location included in the area designated in red as "Significant" on the map  
13 entitled "Vertical Obstruction Impact on the NC Military Mission," as the impacts of vertical  
14 obstructions in this area have been determined to be significantly high, with a high risk for  
15 degrading safety and the military's ability to perform aviation training. The Department of  
16 Commerce and the Department of Environmental Quality shall make the map available on their  
17 Web sites for public access."  
18 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to applications  
19 for permits for a proposed wind energy facility or a proposed wind energy facility expansion  
20 pending or submitted on or after that date.

