

## SECTION .0200 - INMATE LABOR FOR PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS

### 14B NCAC 12B .0201 POLICY

(a) General. The policy of the State of North Carolina is that all able-bodied prison inmates shall be required to perform diligently all work assignments provided for them. Work assignments and employment shall be for the public benefit to reduce the cost of maintaining the inmate population while enabling inmates to acquire or retain skills and work habits needed to secure honest employment after their release.

(b) Conditions for Use of Inmate Labor. The use of inmate labor for public work projects must meet the following conditions:

- (1) The project or service involved is a type of work that inmates are qualified to perform.
- (2) The project or service is of benefit to the citizens of North Carolina or units of state or local government.
- (3) The project or service is not one that would normally be performed by private industry or non-inmate labor if inmate labor were not available.

(c) Contracts. The Department of Correction may make contracts with departments, institutions, agencies, and other political subdivisions of the State of North Carolina for the use of inmate labor that will help make the prisons as nearly self-supporting as is consistent with the purpose of their creation.

(d) Prohibitions. The following prohibitions apply to inmates being used for public work projects:

- (1) Inmates who are eligible and have been accepted for work release, study release and vocational rehabilitation may not be used.
- (2) Adult inmates are prohibited from working at or being on the premises of any school or institution operated or administered by the Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Resources.

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