



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 60 - COMPUTER-RELATED CRIME

N.C.G.S. § 14-454.

Accessing computers.

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§ 14-454(a)

CLASS G FELONY

It is unlawful to willfully, directly or indirectly, access or cause to be accessed any computer, computer program, computer system, computer network, or any part thereof, for the purpose of:

- (1) Devising or executing any scheme or artifice to defraud, unless the object of the scheme or artifice is to obtain educational testing material, a false educational testing score, or a false academic or vocational grade, or
- (2) Obtaining property or services other than educational testing material, a false educational testing score, or a false academic or vocational grade for a person, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations or promises.

A violation of this subsection is a Class G felony if the fraudulent scheme or artifice results in damage of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or if the property or services obtained are worth more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Any other violation of this subsection is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

§ 14-454(b)

Any person who willfully and without authorization, directly or indirectly, accesses or causes to be accessed any computer, computer program, computer system, or computer network for any purpose other than those set forth in subsection (a) above, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

§ 14-454(c)

For the purpose of this section, the phrase "access or cause to be accessed" includes introducing, directly or indirectly, a computer program (including a self-replicating or a self-propagating computer program) into a computer, computer program, computer system, or computer network.

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02	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 19	AMENDED		
03	1981	cc. 63, 179	AMENDED		
04	1993	c. 539, s. 293	AMENDED		
05	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED		
06	1994	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 764, s. 1	AMENDED		
07	2000	S.L. 2000-125, s. 4	AMENDED		

APPARATUS III

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