

March 25, 1999

H 603. RENEW BAD CHECK PILOT PROGRAM. TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON BAD CHECK PILOT PROGRAMS AND TO ADD BRUNSWICK AND BLADEN COUNTIES TO THE BAD CHECK PILOT PROGRAM. Appropriates \$267,794 for 1999-2000 from General Fund to Judicial Dep't to continue bad check collection pilot programs in Columbus, Durham, Rockingham, and Wake counties and to establish new programs in Bladen and Brunswick counties. Amends sec. 18.22(d) of SL 1997-443, as amended by sec. 16.3 of SL 1998-212 and sec. 21 of SL 1998-217, to add Bladen and Brunswick to the list of counties that may participate in the bad check pilot program. Extends the expiration date for the program from June 30, 1999, to June 30, 2000. Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to report by May 1, 2000, to the chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees and the chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the implementation of the programs, including their effectiveness in assisting the recipients of worthless checks in obtaining restitution and the amount of time saved in prosecuting worthless check cases. Makes expiration date extension provision effective June 30, 1999, but all other sections effective July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Hill.

Ref. to Appropriations

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