

May 16, 2006

S 1450. RECOMMENDATIONS/JOINT COMMITTEE ON DV/FUNDS. Filed 5/16/06. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES PURSUANT TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO MANDATE THAT ALL EDUCATORS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM OR THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM RECEIVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE LAWS RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS.* (1) GS 50B-4.1 makes it a misdemeanor to violate a domestic violence protective order. Subsection (f) provides that it is a Class H felony to violate such an order if the violator has previously been convicted of three violations of the domestic violence laws. This bill provides that the Class H felony applies with only one previous violation. (2) Appropriates \$718,112 for fiscal 2006-07 from General Fund to the Judicial Department for continuing the family court pilot program in District Court District 10 and expanding to two additional districts chosen by the Administrative Office of the Courts. (3) Appropriates \$2 million for fiscal 2006-07 from General Fund to the Department of Administration for the North Carolina Council for Women and the Domestic Violence Commission for matching grants for domestic violence shelters. (4) Appropriates \$2 million for fiscal 2006-07 from General Fund to Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for the Governor's Crime Commission to create new supervised visitation and exchange centers, (5) Appropriates \$12,000 for fiscal 2006-07 from General Fund to Department of Administration to adjust the salary of the Abuser Treatment Program Coordinator position. (6) Appropriates \$58,959 for fiscal 2006-07 from General Fund to Department of Administration to create an internal auditor position for the Council on Women and Domestic Violence Commission. (7) States the policy of the state that all educators in the public schools and all students, faculty, and staff in the community college system and in UNC are to receive training in violence prevention, conflict resolution, and the availability of legal resources for victims of domestic violence. Effective July 1, 2006, except first item effective December 1, 2006.

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