March 22, 2005

**S 781. ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS/FUNDS.** *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH SEVENTY-FIVE NEW ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, TO ESTABLISH THIRTY-NINE NEW VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANT POSITIONS, TO BEGIN FUNDING OF AN AUTOMATED DISCOVERY SYSTEM, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STEPS IN LONGEVITY PAY FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.* Amends GS 7A-60(a1) and 7A-65 as title indicates. Appropriates \$6,168,975 for 2005-06 and \$5,819,400 for 2006-07 from General Fund to Judicial Dep't for 75 new DA positions. Appropriates \$1,840,000 for 2005-06 and \$1,700,000 for 2006-07 for 39 victim witness assistant positions. Appropriates \$1,000,000 for 2005-06 to begin funding an automated discovery system. Appropriates \$221,803 for 2005-06 and \$221,803 for 2006-07 to fund additional longevity steps for District Attorneys and Assistant District Attorneys. Effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Snow.

Ref. to Appropriations

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