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S 1281. OMNIBUS COURTS AMENDMENTS. Filed 3/21/07. *TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW AFFECTING THE STATE COURT SYSTEM.*

Amends GS 7A-343 to provide that the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) may establish fees for foreign language interpreter training and testing. Also provides that the Director's duties include reviewing the use of contractual positions within the Judicial Department and converting those positions to permanent ones when appropriate. Repeals GS 7A-794 pertaining to administration of the Drug Treatment Court Program Fund, and GS 7A-798 providing for the submission of drug treatment court grant applications, among other things. Amends GS 7A-801 pertaining to monitoring and reporting on drug treatment courts. Amends GS 7A-314(f) to provide that the court may appoint an interpreter, payable from AOC funds, when the interpreter is necessary to assist the court. Amends GS 7A-10(b) to provide that the Chief Justice receives an annual salary at least 2.7% greater than that of the associate justices. Makes a parallel amendment to GS 7A-18(a) with respect to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Effective July 1, 2007.

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