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H 1618. COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS FUNDS. Filed 5/6/09. TO ESTABLISH THE PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED TO SERVE OFFENDERS RELEASED FROM JAIL PRIOR TO TRIAL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO ESTABLISH AND REIMBURSE A COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR UP TO FIVE HUNDRED OFFENDERS.

Amends GS 143B-273.14(c) to provide that a county may not use more than 25% of its community-based correction funds to serve offenders released from jail prior to trial. Requires Department of Correction to identify up to 500 offenders for participation in a community-based rehabilitation program and allows the department to reimburse those rehabilitation programs at the same rate it reimburses county jails for housing state prisoners under GS 148-29. Requires the department to provide an interim report to specified legislative committees by March 1, 2010, and a final report by March 1, 2011. Effective July 1, 2009.

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