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H 2021. AMEND RACIAL JUSTICE ACT. Filed 5/25/10. TO ELIMINATE AS A PRETRIAL ISSUE THE CLAIM THAT RACE WAS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE DECISION TO TRY A MURDER AS A CAPITAL CASE BUT TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLAIM MAY STILL BE RAISED IN A POSTCONVICTION PROCEDURE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF INFORMATION AND TRAINING SESSIONS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND COURT PERSONNEL REGARDING THE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT.

Amends GS 15A-2012 as title indicates. Appropriates \$5,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Judicial Department for training sessions for district attorneys and other court personnel. Appropriation effective July 1, 2010 and the remainder of the act is effective when the act becomes law; pretrial claims arising under the Racial Justice Act before effective date are abated.

Intro. by Burr, Tillis.

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