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HOUSE BILL DRH30374-LHa-130 (04/05)

Short Title: Establish WSSU Pilot BLET Program/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hanes.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FOUR-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM AT WINSTON-SALEM
3 STATE UNIVERSITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORSYTH TECH THAT COMBINES
4 THE BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM AT FORSYTH TECH
5 WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE
6 UNIVERSITY AND TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A COORDINATOR POSITION FOR
7 THE PROGRAM.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall
10 direct Winston-Salem State University to establish a four-year pilot program in conjunction
11 with Forsyth Tech that combines the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program at
12 Forsyth Tech with the Justice Studies major at Winston-Salem State University. The State
13 Board of Community Colleges shall also direct Forsyth Tech to work in conjunction with
14 Winston-Salem State University to establish a four-year pilot program that combines the Justice
15 Studies major and BLET program. The pilot program shall be designed to provide a positive
16 impact and benefit to all law enforcement agencies, including city police. The pilot program
17 shall be implemented by the 2018 fall academic semester.

18 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
19 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
20 (\$100,000) in recurring funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred
21 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in recurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to be allocated to
22 Winston-Salem State University to establish a coordinator position for the pilot program
23 established pursuant to this act. The coordinator shall have the responsibility of coordinating
24 with local law enforcement agencies and with the Criminal Justice Training and Standards
25 Division in the Department of Justice regarding the program, in addition to any other duties
26 assigned to the coordinator.

27 **SECTION 3.** The Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, or the
28 Chancellor's designee, shall report by December 1, 2017, to the Joint Legislative Education
29 Oversight Committee regarding the implementation of the pilot program and shall report
30 annually thereafter regarding the progress of the pilot program.

31 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

