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SENATE BILL DRS45208-NDa-34

Short Title: Expand CJ Fellows/LEO In-Service Training. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mohammed, Garrett, and deViere (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE ALL COUNTIES ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CRIMINAL
3 JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM, TO EXEMPT FROM RULEMAKING THE
4 ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF
5 CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICERS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 17C-20 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 17C-20. Definitions.**

9 As used in this Article, the following definitions apply:

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11 (5) Eligible county. – ~~A county with a population of less than 125,000 according~~
12 ~~to the latest federal decennial census or a county designated as a development~~
13 ~~tier one area pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.08, or both.~~ Any county of this State.

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15 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
16 Justice six hundred sixty-three thousand five hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$663,579) in
17 recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be allocated to the North Carolina Criminal
18 Justice Fellows Program to continue to recruit qualified in-State high school seniors or
19 unemployed/underemployed graduates and provide them with a forgivable community college
20 loan to pursue.

21 **SECTION 1.(c)** Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2021. The
22 remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.

23 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 150B-1(d) reads as rewritten:

24 "(d) Exemptions from Rule Making. – Article 2A of this Chapter does not apply to the
25 following:

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27 (6a) The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission with
28 respect to establishing minimum standards for in-service training for criminal
29 justice officers under G.S. 17C-6(a)(14).

30 (6b) The Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission with respect to
31 establishing minimum standards for in-service training for justice officers
32 under G.S. 17E-4(a)(11).

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34 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
35 law.

