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HOUSE BILL DRH30367-NDa-147

Short Title: Fund Law Enforcement/Detention/Corrections. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative McNeill.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, DETENTION, AND
3 CORRECTIONS RECRUITMENT AND OTHER NEEDS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)
7 in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be used to lease
8 additional office space.

9 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
10 Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, seven hundred sixteen thousand twenty-three
11 dollars (\$716,023) in recurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be used
12 to hire nine full-time administrative support positions.

13 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
14 Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, two hundred thirty-three thousand forty
15 dollars (\$233,040) in recurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be used
16 to hire two full-time sworn law enforcement officer positions.

17 **SECTION 4.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Governor's
18 Crime Commission within the Department of Public Safety the sum of ten million dollars
19 (\$10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to provide competitive grants
20 to the State Highway Patrol, county law enforcement agencies, and municipal law enforcement
21 agencies that have at least a ten percent (10%) vacancy rate in sworn law enforcement officer
22 positions. The grants shall be used to provide signing bonuses of five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
23 to newly hired law enforcement officers that sign a contract to work for three years with the law
24 enforcement agency. In its contract, a law enforcement agency shall require the repayment of the
25 signing bonus at the time of a law enforcement officer's voluntary departure from the agency,
26 prorated based upon the percentage of time remaining in the three-year contract. No repayment
27 shall be required when a law enforcement officer's employment is terminated.

28 **SECTION 4.(b)** Guidelines. – The Governor's Crime Commission shall develop
29 guidelines and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants under this section that
30 shall at a minimum include the following:

- 31 (1) No law enforcement agency shall receive grant funds in excess of one hundred
32 thousand dollars (\$100,000).
33 (2) No law enforcement agency shall use grant funds to add more law
34 enforcement officer positions to the law enforcement agency but shall use
35 grant funds to fill vacant law enforcement officer positions existing at the law
36 enforcement agency.



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1 **SECTION 5.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Governor's
2 Crime Commission within the Department of Public Safety the sum of two million dollars
3 (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to provide competitive grants
4 to local confinement facilities as defined by G.S. 153A-217 that have at least a ten percent (10%)
5 vacancy rate in certified detention officer positions. The grants shall be used to provide signing
6 bonuses of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to newly hired certified detention officers that sign a
7 contract to work for three years with the local confinement facility. In its contract, a local
8 confinement facility shall require the repayment of the signing bonus at the time of a certified
9 detention officer's voluntary departure from the agency, prorated based upon the percentage of
10 time remaining in the three-year contract. No repayment shall be required when a certified
11 detention officer's employment is terminated.

12 **SECTION 5.(b) Guidelines.** – The Governor's Crime Commission shall develop
13 guidelines and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants under this section that
14 shall at a minimum include the following:

- 15 (1) No local confinement facility shall receive grant funds in excess of one
16 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
- 17 (2) No local confinement facility shall use grant funds to add more certified
18 detention officer positions to the local confinement facility but shall use grant
19 funds to fill vacant certified detention officer positions existing at the local
20 confinement facility.

21 **SECTION 6.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Governor's Crime
22 Commission the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used
23 to implement and manage the grants distributed pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of this act.

24 **SECTION 7.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the sum of two million dollars
26 (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to provide signing
27 bonuses of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to newly hired certified correctional officers that sign
28 a contract to work for three years within the State prison system. In its contract, the Division of
29 Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall require the repayment of the signing bonus at the time
30 of a certified correctional officer's voluntary departure from the State prison system, prorated
31 based upon the percentage of time remaining in the three-year contract. No repayment shall be
32 required when a certified correctional officer's employment is terminated.

33 **SECTION 8.** If House Bill 607, 2021 Regular Session, becomes law, there is
34 appropriated from the General Fund to the State Bureau of Investigation the sum of two hundred
35 thousand dollars (\$200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to
36 implement the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Record of Arrest and Prosecution Background
37 (Rap Back) Service.

38 **SECTION 9.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.