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SENATE BILL DRS35390-NDa-172

Short Title: Returning Citizens Ready to Work. (Public)

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

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF STATEWIDE LOCAL  
3 REENTRY COUNCIL SERVICES.

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 the sum of two million two hundred sixty-one thousand dollars (\$2,261,000) in  
7 recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be allocated in equal amounts to each of the 17  
8 local reentry councils in the State for the purpose of hiring at each local reentry council one  
9 permanent, full-time Housing Support Specialist position and one permanent, full-time Support  
10 Specialist position.

11 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
12 Public Safety the sum of three million eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$3,825,000)  
13 in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be allocated in equal amounts to each of the  
14 17 local reentry councils in the State for the purpose of providing reentry rental assistance to  
15 individuals served by each council. Funds appropriated by this section shall not revert and shall  
16 be available to each local reentry council for the purpose of providing reentry rental assistance  
17 until the funds are expended.

18 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
19 Public Safety the sum of eight hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$867,000) in recurring  
20 funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be allocated in equal amounts to each of the 17 local reentry  
21 councils in the State for the purpose of providing transportation vouchers to individuals on  
22 post-release supervision served by each council. Funds appropriated by this section shall not  
23 revert and shall be available to each local reentry council for the purpose of providing  
24 transportation vouchers to individuals on post-release supervision until the funds are expended.

25 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
26 Public Safety the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) in recurring funds for  
27 the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be provided to contract with Central Piedmont Community College  
28 and Fayetteville Technical Community College for the purpose of hiring one full-time Reentry  
29 Education Navigator position at each community college to serve the needs of justice-involved  
30 students.

31 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
32 Public Safety the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in nonrecurring funds for the  
33 2022-2023 fiscal year to be allocated to the State Reentry Council Collaborative to be used to  
34 develop online professional development modules focused on teaching State agencies,  
35 educational institutions, and other nongovernmental stakeholders how best to serve individuals  
36 with criminal records.



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**SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.