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HOUSE BILL DRH10066-NDa-55A

Short Title: Funds to Help Those Struggling with Addiction. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO  
3 BE GIVEN AS GRANT FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THOSE STRUGGLING  
4 WITH DRUG ADDICTION IN WILKES COUNTY AND SURRY COUNTY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
7 Department of Public Safety the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds for  
8 both fiscal years of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be allocated as follows:

- 9 (1) \$500,000 to be used as a grant for Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc., to  
10 maintain and support the R3 Recovery Community Center in North  
11 Wilkesboro, North Carolina.  
12 (2) \$500,000 to be used as a grant for Partners Health Management, a North  
13 Carolina Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization  
14 (LME/MCO) to support the Early Diversion Program it has developed in  
15 collaboration with PQA Healthcare, Inc., serving nonviolent misdemeanants  
16 in need of mental health and substance use screening, evaluation, and  
17 treatment.

18 **SECTION 2.** Report. – The Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with Wilkes  
19 Recovery Revolution, Inc., and Partners Health Management, shall report on the use of funds  
20 appropriated in this act to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety  
21 of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly upon its reconvening.

22 **SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

