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SENATE BILL DRS45303-NDa-133

Short Title: Returning Citizens Ready to Work.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mohammed, Bode, and Murdock (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 Adult Correction the sum of two million two hundred sixty-one thousand dollars (\$2,261,000) in
7 recurring funds for the 2023-2024 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 Adult Correction the sum of three million eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
13 (\$3,825,000) in recurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be allocated in equal amounts to
14 each of the 17 local reentry councils in the State for the purpose of providing reentry rental
15 assistance to individuals served by each council. Funds appropriated by this section shall not
16 revert and shall be available to each local reentry council for the purpose of providing reentry
17 rental assistance until the funds are expended.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
19 Adult Correction the sum of eight hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$867,000) in recurring
20 funds for the 2023-2024 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 Adult Correction the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) in recurring funds
27 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be provided to contract with Central Piedmont Community
28 College and Fayetteville Technical Community College for the purpose of hiring one full-time
29 Reentry Education Navigator position at each community college to serve the needs of
30 justice-involved students.

31 SECTION 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
32 Adult Correction the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in nonrecurring funds for
33 the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be allocated to the State Reentry Council Collaborative to be used
34 to 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, 2023.