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SENATE BILL DRS45304-NDa-134

Short Title: Fund Drug Treatment/Mental Health Courts. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mohammed and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE AND SUPPORT LOCAL DRUG TREATMENT COURT PROGRAMS  
3 AND MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated the sum of four million two hundred thousand  
6 dollars (\$4,200,000) in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium  
7 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to be used to support the work  
8 of the North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Program in creating and sustaining local drug  
9 treatment court programs.

10 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated the sum of four million two hundred thousand  
11 dollars (\$4,200,000) in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium  
12 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to be used to facilitate the  
13 creation and funding of new and existing mental health court programs to serve individuals that  
14 have a mental health diagnosis or treatment history and are defendants in the criminal justice  
15 system. Among other functions, the local mental health court programs funded by this section  
16 shall recommend mental health treatment plans for individuals served by the programs and shall  
17 monitor the progress of the individuals receiving treatment while the individuals remain in the  
18 program.

19 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

