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HOUSE BILL DRH40283-MCa-72

Short Title: Pilot Co-Responder Police Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cotham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A CO-RESPONDER
3 PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund for each year of the
6 2025-2027 fiscal biennium the nonrecurring sum of four hundred seventy-four thousand six
7 hundred eighty dollars (\$474,680) to Mecklenburg County to be allocated to the entities and in
8 the amounts listed in this section. The purpose of the funding is a pilot program co-responder
9 model designed to integrate mental health professionals with law enforcement responding to
10 mental health related calls by people in distress needing assistance. The funds shall be used to
11 hire and integrate within the law enforcement agency of each locality identified below one
12 full-time mental health professional to be paired with law enforcement, either on a dedicated
13 team or as part of a specialized unit, in responding to calls and incidences identified as involving
14 mental health crises or persons with mental health issues. Funds appropriated in this section are
15 allocated annually as follows for purposes consistent with this act:

- 16 (1) One hundred thirty-one thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$131,280) to the
17 Town of Matthews.
18 (2) One hundred seventy-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$171,700) to the
19 Town of Pineville.
20 (3) One hundred seventy-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$171,700) to the
21 Town of Mint Hill.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

