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HOUSE BILL DRH30217-LRa-144A

Short Title: Award Magistrates Salary Increases.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Moss.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AWARDING LEGISLATIVE SALARY INCREASES TO MAGISTRATES AND
3 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Effective July 1, 2025, there is appropriated from the General Fund to
6 the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of eleven million five hundred thousand dollars
7 (\$11,500,000) in recurring funds in each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to be allocated
8 for magistrate salary increases authorized by this act.

9 **SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2025, G.S. 7A-171.1 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 7A-171.1. Duty hours, salary, and travel expenses within county.**

11 (a) The Administrative Officer of the Courts, after consultation with the chief district
12 judge and pursuant to the following provisions, shall set an annual salary for each magistrate:

- 13 (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the table set
14 out in this subdivision. A full-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned
15 to work an average of not less than 40 hours a week during the term of office.
16 The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall designate whether a magistrate
17 is full-time. Initial appointment shall be at the entry rate. A magistrate's salary
18 shall increase to the next step every two years on the anniversary of the date
19 the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 1 through 3, and
20 every four years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally
21 appointed for increases to Steps 4 through 6:

22 *Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates*

Step Level	Annual Salary
Entry Rate	\$47,228
Step 1	\$50,714
Step 2	\$54,475
Step 3	\$58,457
Step 4	\$63,228
Step 5	\$68,973
Step 6	\$75,415.
<u>Entry Rate</u>	<u>\$56,674</u>
<u>Step 1</u>	<u>\$60,857</u>
<u>Step 2</u>	<u>\$65,370</u>
<u>Step 3</u>	<u>\$70,148</u>
<u>Step 4</u>	<u>\$75,874</u>
<u>Step 5</u>	<u>\$82,768</u>



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Step 6

\$90,498.

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SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.