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SENATE BILL DRS45484-NBa-97A

Short Title: Community Emergency Response Training. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith, Bradley, and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,  
3 DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FOR THE COMMUNITY  
4 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
7 Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, the sum of three million dollars  
8 (\$3,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to expand and promote the  
9 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and training. The Division shall also  
10 use a portion of these funds to establish a new program or expand an existing program to work  
11 with local community organizations to conduct training sessions and to develop outreach  
12 strategies to encourage community participation in these training programs.  
13 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.

