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SENATE BILL DRS35084-ND-32

Short Title: Let Mitchell Co, NC Sign MOU with Unicoi Co. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MITCHELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO  
3 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNICOI COUNTY,  
4 TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL  
5 OPERATIONS MISSIONS ACROSS STATE LINES.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Mitchell  
8 County Sheriff's Office may enter into memorandums of understanding with the Unicoi County,  
9 Tennessee, Sheriff's Office to engage across state lines in law enforcement special operations  
10 missions.  
11 **SECTION 1.(b)** Any memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this  
12 section shall specify the manner in which liability claims for damage to persons or property as a  
13 result of law enforcement special operations missions will be shared or assigned. While ensuring  
14 public safety, each memorandum of understanding shall limit to the greatest extent possible the  
15 liability of Mitchell County and the State.  
16 **SECTION 2.** No later than November 1 of each year, any memorandum of  
17 understanding entered into that year pursuant to this act shall be reported to the Department of  
18 Justice.  
19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

