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SENATE BILL 435

Short Title: Victims Assistance Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Cooper; Albertson, Clodfelter, Dannelly, Hoyle, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Miller, Perdue, Rand, and Warren.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 22, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA VICTIMS ASSISTANCE NETWORK TO EXPAND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NETWORK AND HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year for the North Carolina Victims Assistance Network. The funds shall be used to (i) expand the services of the Network, including expansion of the information and referral database and public awareness efforts, and (ii) hire a victim services coordinator to provide information and services to victims; an outreach coordinator to develop educational materials to address the needs of the minority and underserved victim populations; a program development coordinator to coordinate training programs and develop a statewide public awareness campaign; and an executive assistant to provide administrative support to the staff of the Network.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.