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SENATE BILL 1397

Short Title: TROSA Substance Abuse Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McKissick; Atwater, Jones, Purcell, and Vaughan.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 26, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REDUCE PRISON COSTS BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE
2 COMPREHENSIVE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
3 FOR PROBATIONERS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS AND TO
4 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO CONDUCT A PILOT
5 PROGRAM OF THE USE OF SUCH TREATMENT AND TRAINING FOR MINIMUM
6 SECURITY INMATES.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
10 Correction the sum of three hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal
11 year for Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA), a nonprofit,
12 State-licensed therapeutic community. These funds shall be used to provide comprehensive
13 residential substance abuse treatment services and vocational training for up to 230
14 probationers per fiscal year as an alternative to incarceration. This appropriation would save the
15 State approximately two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) annually in
16 incarceration costs.

17 **SECTION 2.** Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA) shall
18 report by February 1 of alternate years, beginning February 1, 2011, to the Joint Legislative
19 Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee and to the Chairs of the
20 House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the
21 expenditure of State appropriations and on the effectiveness of the program, including
22 information on the number of probationers served, the range of services and service days
23 provided to probationers in the TROSA program, and the number of probationers who have
24 been rearrested within three years of successfully completing the program. The report shall
25 provide financial and program data for the complete fiscal year prior to the year in which the
26 report is submitted with the exception of the report dated February 1, 2011, which shall be a
27 partial fiscal year report.

28 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of
29 Correction may conduct a pilot program of the use of Triangle Residential Options for
30 Substance Abusers (TROSA) as a community-based treatment program for minimum security
31 inmates during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 fiscal years. The Department shall report the
32 results of this pilot program to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile
33 Justice Oversight Committee by May 1, 2012.

34 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.

