

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1995**

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**SENATE BILL 970**

Short Title: DART Aftercare Program Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Odom and Plyler.

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Referred to: Appropriations

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May 3, 1995

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR AN AFTERCARE PROGRAM FOR DART PARTICIPANTS AS THEY REENTER THEIR COMMUNITIES.**

Whereas, the Governor's Task Force on Driving While Impaired has recommended that a program be created to provide DART participants with a flexible aftercare program as they reenter their communities; and

Whereas, the DART (Drug and Alcohol Recovery Treatment) program at the Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro is designed for DWI offenders who have served active prison sentences (and are eligible for parole) and for DWI offenders who have a treatment recommendation from the sentencing judge (as a condition of their probationary sentence); and

Whereas, although the program has shown considerable success, there is not a structured aftercare system for clients as they return home and reenter the community; and

Whereas, one suggestion is to provide a structured level of response that corresponds to the individual's specific needs including the services of a DART counselor, a probation or parole officer, and a nurse, customized to meet the needs of the individual; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Correction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the

- 1 sum of one million dollars for (\$1,000,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to operate a  
2 flexible aftercare program for DART participants as they reenter their communities.  
3           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.