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SENATE BILL 147

Select Committee on Corrections/Punishment Committee Substitute Adopted 2/24/94

Short Title: Road Squads–Funds/Identification.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 15, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL MINIMUM AND MEDIUM
3 CUSTODY ROAD CREWS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF THOSE CREWS
4 WORKING ON ROADS IN URBAN AREAS; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR ADDITIONAL MINIMUM AND
6 MEDIUM CUSTODY WORK CREWS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
7 THOSE CREWS WORKING ON LAND AND IN BUILDINGS OWNED BY
8 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT INMATES ON ROAD
9 CREWS BE IDENTIFIABLE TO THE PUBLIC.
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11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 Section 1. There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department
13 of Transportation the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal
14 year to pay for additional work crews of minimum and medium custody prisoners under
15 the supervision of employees of the Department of Transportation or the Department of
16 Correction to increase the use of these road crews on public roads in the urban areas.

17 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
18 Correction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to
19 pay for additional work crews of minimum and medium custody prisoners under the
20 supervision of Department of Correction employees to increase the use of these work
21 crews on land and in buildings owned by local governments.

22 Sec. 3. G.S. 148-26(b) reads as rewritten:

1 "(b) As many minimum custody prisoners as are available and fit for road work,
2 who cannot appropriately be placed on work release, study release, or other full-time
3 programs, and as many medium custody prisoners as are available, fit for road work and
4 can be adequately guarded during such work without reducing security levels at prison
5 units, shall be employed in the maintenance and construction of public roads of the
6 State. Prisoners engaged in work on the public roads and supervisors shall be
7 identifiable to the general public through the use of signs, appropriate apparel, or by
8 other means designed to identify them as prison road crews and to separately identify
9 Department of Transportation or Department of Correction supervisors. The number
10 and location of prisoners to be kept available for work on the public roads shall be
11 agreed upon by the governing authorities of the Department of Transportation and the
12 State Department of Correction far enough in advance of each budget to permit proper
13 provisions to be made in the request for appropriations submitted by the Department of
14 Transportation. Any dispute between the Departments will be resolved by the Governor.
15 Prisoners so employed shall be compensated, at rates fixed by the Department of
16 Correction's rules and regulations for work performed; provided, that no prisoner
17 working on the public roads under the provisions of this section shall be paid more than
18 one dollar (\$1.00) per day from funds provided by the Department of Transportation to
19 the Department of Correction for this purpose. The Department of Correction and the
20 Department of Transportation shall develop a program to be implemented no later than
21 July 1, 1982, to the extent money is herein appropriated, which shall include:
22 (1) The use of portable toilets for inmate road crews."
23 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.