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SENATE BILL 1550

Short Title: Zero-Tolerance Drug Supervision/Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Cochrane; Ballantine, Carpenter, Forrester, Foxx, Garwood, Horton, Jenkins, Ledbetter, Lucas, Purcell, and Rucho.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 1, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO ESTABLISH A
PILOT ZERO-TOLERANCE DRUG SUPERVISION PROGRAM AS A MEANS
OF REDUCING PRISON TIME FOR CERTAIN NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Correction shall establish a pilot zero-tolerance drug supervision program that provides for urinalysis as a condition of probation and parole. The Department shall establish criteria for participation in the program by nonviolent offenders eligible for probation or parole who agree, as a condition of their probation or parole:

(1) To submit to weekly urinalysis drug tests; and

(2) To be held for a period of at least two days each time a urinalysis produces a positive result for the presence of illegal drugs in a residential program or jail, electronic house arrest, or other form of detention that the Department finds appropriate.

The Department shall report on the establishment of the program, the criteria for participation, the incidence of positive testing by participants in the program, and the impact of the program on prison housing costs to the Chairs of the Joint Legislative

1 Corrections and Crime Control Oversight Committee, the Chairs of the Senate and House
2 Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the Senate and House Subcommittees on
3 Justice and Public Safety by March 1, 1999.

4 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Correction the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the __1998-99 fiscal year to
6 implement the zero-tolerance drug supervision program.

7 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.