

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 288

Short Title: Funds for Piedmont Triad Crime Lab. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hagan, Garrou; Bingham, Brunstetter, and Dorsett.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO
3 ESTABLISH A STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CRIME
4 LABORATORY IN THE PIEDMONT TRIAD AREA TO MEET THE GROWING
5 DEMAND FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTORS FOR
6 FORENSIC CRIME SCENE EVIDENCE ANALYSIS IN THAT AREA OF THE
7 STATE.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
10 Department of Justice the sum of eight hundred ninety thousand three hundred
11 seventy-six dollars (\$890,376) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to establish a new State
12 Bureau of Investigation forensic crime laboratory in the Piedmont Triad area of the
13 State that will serve primarily the counties of Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie,
14 Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin.
15 The funds shall be used to lease space for the new crime laboratory and to hire 12 new
16 personnel, including three drug chemists, two computer forensic analysts, two forensic
17 toxicologists, two latent evidence examiners, one evidence technician, and two office
18 assistants. The new personnel shall provide drug chemistry, fingerprint, and latent
19 evidence analysis, along with computer forensics and drug toxicology services to local
20 law enforcement agencies in the Piedmont Triad area, thereby providing thorough
21 analyses of crime scenes in a timely, efficient manner.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.