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HOUSE BILL 1788*

Short Title: DV Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, McLawhorn, Ross, R. Warren (Primary Sponsors); M. Alexander, Brisson, Faison, E. Floyd, Gill, Goforth, Hughes, Pierce, Wainwright, and Weiss.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES PURSUANT TO
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
4 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER FUND**

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Administration the sum of six million eight hundred sixty-two thousand two hundred
9 ninety-eight dollars (\$6,862,298) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to be allocated to the Domestic
10 Violence Center Fund established under G.S. 50B-9.

11 **FUNDS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS**

12 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
13 Administration the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to be
14 allocated to the North Carolina Council for Women and the Domestic Violence Commission to
15 provide for matching grant funds. The Council shall make grants as follows:

- 16 (1) For the construction of new shelters for victims of domestic violence. For
17 purposes of this subdivision, "new construction" shall include additions to
18 existing shelters if the additional construction increases the residential space
19 for victims of domestic violence.
20 (2) For the purchase of existing space for use as a domestic violence shelter.
21 (3) To assist in the payment of construction debt for existing domestic violence
22 shelters.

23 **SECTION 2.(b)** In determining grant awards, the Council shall establish grant
24 criteria to include the following:

- 25 (1) The availability of shelter facilities in the county where the shelter would be
26 located or is currently located.
27 (2) The number of persons currently served or the approximate number of
28 persons to be served by the facility.
29 (3) The requirements under G.S. 50B-9(2) and (3) for the receipt of funding.

30 **SECTION 2.(c)** Funds provided for under this section shall be matched
31 one-for-one by the applicant. The Council shall not provide more than fifty thousand dollars
32 (\$50,000) in a fiscal year to any applicant.

33 **SECTION 2.(d)** The Council shall distribute grants semiannually. The Council
34 must receive applications for grants by September 30 of each year for grant awards to be



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1 distributed on or after November 1, and no later than March 31 of each year for grant awards to
2 be distributed on or after May 1.

3 **SECTION 2.(e)** Funds appropriated in this section shall not revert to the General
4 Fund but shall remain with the Council for the purposes described in this section.

5 **FUNDS FOR VISITATION CENTERS**

6 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2010-2011
8 fiscal year to be allocated to the Governor's Crime Commission to create new supervised
9 visitation and exchange centers and to continue funding existing supervised visitation and
10 exchange centers in this State. The Commission shall distribute the funds through its grant
11 process.

12 **TANF FUNDING**

13 **SECTION 4.** The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) appropriated in the
14 TANF Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social
15 Services, for the 2010-2011 fiscal year shall be used for Domestic Violence Prevention and
16 Awareness and shall be used for grants to support initiatives by local domestic violence
17 programs to prevent domestic violence. Prevention activities shall include efforts to reach
18 underserved populations and shall be culturally sensitive and multilingual. The Department
19 shall award grants to community-based organizations that demonstrate the ability to collaborate
20 and coordinate services with other local human services agencies and organizations in order
21 to serve children and families where domestic violence has occurred or is occurring. The
22 Department shall report on the use of these funds no later than May 1, 2011, to the Senate
23 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives
24 Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research
25 Division.

26 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.