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SENATE BILL DRS45406-NDa-146

Short Title: Funding for Emerg. Judges and Clerk Needs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Nickel (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY JUDGES, REMOTE WORKING
3 TECHNOLOGY FOR CLERKS' OFFICES, AND TEMPORARY POSITIONS FOR
4 CLERKS' OFFICES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** For the purposes of this section, "COVID-19" shall be defined as
7 the Coronavirus disease 2019.

8 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated the sum of seven million seven hundred
9 seventy-one thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$7,771,675) in nonrecurring funds for
10 the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to
11 be allocated as follows:

- 12 (1) One million one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$1,127,000) for
13 costs associated with additional emergency judges needed for clearing the
14 growing backlog of cases in the court system due to COVID-19.
15 (2) Five million eight hundred five thousand dollars (\$5,805,000) for the purchase
16 of 3,000 laptops for statewide court system personnel to aid in remote working
17 capabilities needed due to COVID-19.
18 (3) Eight hundred thirty-nine thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars
19 (\$839,675) to hire temporary staff to help statewide clerks' offices manage the
20 growing backlog of cases in the court system due to COVID-19.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

