

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 573**

Short Title: Project Challenge Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Thompson; Buchanan and Morris.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 20, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
COURTS FOR PROJECT CHALLENGE, A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM  
FOR JUVENILES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to support the operation of Project Challenge North Carolina, Inc., a nonprofit corporation that provides alternative dispositions and services to juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent or undisciplined in District Court District 24, and to expansion of the program. The funds shall be used to:

- (1) Provide community resources and dispositional alternatives for juveniles in the form of community services, including services to the elderly and economically disadvantaged;
- (2) Promote the involvement of juveniles in community programs that instill in juveniles pride in their communities and develop self-respect and the skills needed for them to be productive, responsible members of their communities;

- 1           (3)    Coordinate with the local schools and State and local law enforcement  
2                   to educate juveniles regarding the justice system and to promote respect  
3                   for authority and an appreciation of societal laws and mores; and  
4           (4)    Collaborate with community agencies and organizations to provide  
5                   guidance to and positive role models for juveniles.  
6           (b)    Project Challenge North Carolina, Inc., shall report by March 1, 1998,  
7 to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the  
8 House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the House and Senate  
9 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of State  
10 appropriations and on the operations and the effectiveness of the program, including  
11 information on the number of juveniles served.  
12           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.