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HOUSE BILL 1618

Short Title: Community-Based Corrections Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bordsen; and Harrison.

Referred to: State Government/State Personnel, if favorable, Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITY-BASED
3 CORRECTIONS FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED TO SERVE OFFENDERS RELEASED
4 FROM JAIL PRIOR TO TRIAL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 CORRECTION TO ESTABLISH AND REIMBURSE A COMMUNITY-BASED
6 REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR UP TO FIVE HUNDRED OFFENDERS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-273.14(c) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c) When a county receives more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in
10 community-based corrections funds, then that county shall use at least fifty percent (50%) of
11 those funds to develop programs for offenders who receive intermediate punishments. No
12 county shall use more than twenty-five percent (25%) of its funds to serve offenders released
13 from jail prior to trial."

14 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Correction may identify up to 500 offenders for
15 participation in a community-based program of rehabilitation that is consistent with the
16 provisions of G.S. 148-4(6) and with each offender's return to society. During the 2009-2011
17 fiscal biennium, the Department may reimburse those programs of rehabilitation at the same
18 rate it reimburses county jails for housing State prisoners under G.S. 148-29.

19 The Department of Correction shall provide an interim report on these rehabilitation
20 programs by March 1, 2010, and a final report by March 1, 2011, to the Chairs of the House
21 and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint
22 Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

