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Short Title: W.Just.Acad./Wldlife Res. Firing/Arch Range.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE WILDLIFE
2 RESOURCES COMMISSION TO DEVELOP JOINTLY A PLAN FOR
3 CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRING RANGE FOR USE BY CRIMINAL JUSTICE
4 OFFICERS ATTENDING THE WESTERN JUSTICE ACADEMY, LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, AND
6 OTHERS AND FOR A FIRING AND ARCHERY RANGE OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE
7 FOR PUBLIC USE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FIRING RANGE CONSTRUCTED
8 ON THE GROUNDS OF THE LARRY T. JUSTUS WESTERN JUSTICE ACADEMY
9 SHALL BE AN INDOOR FACILITY.

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11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice and the Wildlife Resources Commission
13 shall develop jointly a plan for the construction and operation of a firing range on land owned
14 by the Wildlife Resources Commission in Polk County. The plan shall identify a tract of land
15 comprising approximately 10 acres located in the Big Hungry section of the Green River game
16 land approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission for this purpose. The plan shall provide
17 for a firing range that can accommodate the needs of the criminal justice officers attending the
18 Larry T. Justus Western Justice Academy, federal, State, and local agencies, community
19 college law enforcement training, and the law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources
20 Commission, as well as provide a facility for hunter safety classes supervised and conducted by
21 the Wildlife Resources Commission. The plan shall further provide for a public firing and
22 archery range, open and accessible for public use, to be operated by the Wildlife Resources
23 Commission.

24 **SECTION 2.** Any firing range constructed by the Department of Justice on or
25 adjacent to the grounds of the Larry T. Justus Western Justice Academy shall be built as an
26 indoor facility.

27 **SECTION 3.** Funds appropriated to the Department of Justice for the 2007-2009
28 fiscal biennium for a firing range at the Western Justice Academy shall be used to plan and
29 construct the firing range developed in accordance with Section 1 of this act. The Department
30 of Justice and the Wildlife Resources Commission may also use receipts and other non-General
31 Fund sources totaling up to the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to provide additional
32 funding for the project.

33 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

