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HOUSE BILL 875

Short Title: Establish WSSU Pilot BLET Program/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hanes.

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Referred to: Appropriations

April 25, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FOUR-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORSYTH TECH THAT COMBINES THE BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM AT FORSYTH TECH WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY AND TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A COORDINATOR POSITION FOR THE PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall direct Winston-Salem State University to establish a four-year pilot program in conjunction with Forsyth Tech that combines the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program at Forsyth Tech with the Justice Studies major at Winston-Salem State University. The State Board of Community Colleges shall also direct Forsyth Tech to work in conjunction with Winston-Salem State University to establish a four-year pilot program that combines the Justice Studies major and BLET program. The pilot program shall be designed to provide a positive impact and benefit to all law enforcement agencies, including city police. The pilot program shall be implemented by the 2018 fall academic semester.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in recurring funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in recurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to be allocated to Winston-Salem State University to establish a coordinator position for the pilot program established pursuant to this act. The coordinator shall have the responsibility of coordinating with local law enforcement agencies and with the Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division in the Department of Justice regarding the program, in addition to any other duties assigned to the coordinator.

**SECTION 3.** The Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, or the Chancellor's designee, shall report by December 1, 2017, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee regarding the implementation of the pilot program and shall report annually thereafter regarding the progress of the pilot program.

**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

