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HOUSE BILL 1107

Short Title: Local Confinement Tech Modernization Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pickett and Greene (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LOCAL CONFINEMENT TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION
3 FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 Article to read:

7 "Article 25.

8 "Local Confinement Technology Modernization Fund.

9 **"§ 153A-480. Creation of fund; administration.**

10 (a) There is created the Local Confinement Technology Modernization Fund. The fund
11 shall be used to assist county governments in modernization of local confinement facilities as
12 defined by G.S. 153A-217 to improve methods and detainee monitoring inside each facility.

13 (b) The fund will be administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult
14 Correction and Juvenile Justice.

15 (c) The fund will be funded by the General Fund.

16 **"§ 153A-481. Allocation of fund; expenditures.**

17 (a) The Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice,
18 shall award grants from the Local Confinement Technology Modernization Fund to counties to
19 assist with the counties' technology needs in accordance with the following priorities:

20 (1) Counties with greater need and less ability to generate sales tax and property
21 tax revenue.

22 (2) Counties with a high debt-to-tax revenue ratio.

23 (3) The extent to which a project will address critical technology deficiencies in
24 local confinement facilities.

25 (b) Counties shall utilize funds received under this section for modernizing local
26 confinement facilities for one or more of the following technological systems:

27 (1) Mobile detainee tracking, including mobile devices.

28 (2) Integrated detainee monitoring software.

29 (3) Electronic jail management systems.

30 (4) Integrated cloud-based recordkeeping.

31 (5) Security camera systems with enhanced features, including facial recognition
32 software.

33 (c) A county receiving funds pursuant to this Article shall enter into an agreement with
34 the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, detailing the
35 use of grant funds.



1 **"§ 153A-482. Matching requirements for fund.**

2 (a) An eligible county awarded a grant under this Article shall provide local matching
 3 funds from county funds, other non-State funds, or a combination of these sources for the grant
 4 as provided in this section.

5 (b) An eligible county is a county with an adjusted market value of taxable real property
 6 of less than forty billion dollars (\$40,000,000,000). The adjusted market value of taxable property
 7 in a county is equal to the county's assessed taxable real property value, using the latest available
 8 data published by the Department of Revenue, divided by the county's sales assessment ratio
 9 determined under G.S. 105-289(h).

10 (c) The amount of matching funds for a county awarded a grant under this Article shall
 11 be published annually by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and
 12 Juvenile Justice, prior to any application period.

13 (d) The local match requirement applied to the project shall be based on the match
 14 requirement effective at the time of the grant award. The local match requirement is calculated
 15 as follows:

<u>Adjusted Market Value of Taxable Real Property</u>		<u>Percentage Match</u>
<u>Over</u>	<u>Up to</u>	
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2 billion</u>	<u>0%</u>
<u>\$2 billion</u>	<u>\$10 billion</u>	<u>5%</u>
<u>\$10 billion</u>	<u>\$20 billion</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>\$20 billion</u>	<u>\$30 billion</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>\$30 billion</u>	<u>\$40 billion</u>	<u>35%</u>

23 (e) Grant funds awarded pursuant to this Article shall be used only for the expenditures
 24 listed in G.S. 153A-481 and shall not be used for the retirement of indebtedness or for product
 25 leases.

26 (f) Grant funds shall be disbursed in a series of payments based on the progress of the
 27 project for which the grant was awarded. To obtain a payment, the grantee shall submit a request
 28 for payment along with documentation of the expenditures for which the payment is requested
 29 and evidence that the matching requirement contained in subsection (d) of this section has been
 30 met."

31 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Local Confinement
 32 Technology Modernization Fund in the Department of Public Safety the sum of fifty million
 33 dollars (\$50,000,000) in nonrecurring funds to be used in accordance with the provisions of
 34 Article 25 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes.

35 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.