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HOUSE BILL DRH10533-NDa-169A

Short Title: Funding Vocational Rehabilitation.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Reives.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR GRANTS PROVIDING  
3 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING  
4 IN A LOCAL JUDICIALLY MANAGED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY  
5 COURT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
9 Substance Use Services, the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) in  
10 nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to provide grant funds to counties to  
11 allow local judicially managed accountability and recovery courts to obtain vocational  
12 rehabilitation training for individuals assigned to a local judicially managed accountability and  
13 recovery court. Training obtained for individuals under this section shall be provided by a North  
14 Carolina community college, and grant funds received pursuant to this section may also be used  
15 to provide transportation to these trainings.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** The grant funds distributed pursuant to this section shall be  
17 distributed through a competitive grant program developed and managed by the Department of  
18 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
19 Substance Use Services. No county may receive grant funds distributed pursuant to this section  
20 in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in a single fiscal year.

21 **SECTION 2.** Within 60 days of distributing a grant pursuant to this act, the  
22 Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight  
23 Committee on Health and Human Services the county receiving the grant and the amount of  
24 funds awarded.

25 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, funds  
26 appropriated and distributed pursuant to this act shall not revert until June 30, 2026.

27 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2024.



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