

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**EXTRA SESSION 1994**

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SENATE BILL 90

Short Title: Build Juvenile Group Homes.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Tally; and Edwards.

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Referred to: Courts.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND  
2 OPERATION OF GROUP HOMES TO HOUSE JUVENILE OFFENDERS  
3 REFERRED BY THE COURT WHO ARE IN NEED OF SUPERVISION, SAFE  
4 HOUSING, AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.  
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6 Whereas, Cumberland County has numerous youth who are adjudicated  
7 through the courts but for whom there are no or few dispositional options; and

8 Whereas, for many of these youth training school and detention centers are  
9 either inappropriate or unavailable due to space limitations; and

10 Whereas, training school does not provide appropriate educational and  
11 treatment programs, often resulting in returning the youth to the home, neighborhood,  
12 and lifestyle environment that fostered the unlawful behavior; and

13 Whereas, the absence of appropriate treatment and rehabilitation programs for  
14 youth offenders often results in escalation of the inappropriate and unlawful activities of  
15 these youth; Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
18 Human Resources, Division of Youth Services, the sum of one million eight hundred  
19 thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for construction and one year's  
20 operating cost of two nine-bed, high management group homes, one for male juvenile  
21 offenders ages 15 years and younger, and one for male juvenile offenders ages 16 to 18.  
22 The group homes shall be constructed in Cumberland County and shall provide  
23 treatment and alternative education programs, 24-hour supervision, and restriction to the

- 1 grounds of the group homes. Residents of the group homes shall be juvenile offenders
- 2 sentenced to the group homes by the court system.
- 3           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.