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SENATE BILL 903

Short Title: Substance Abuse/Juvenile Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford, Cooper, Winner, Martin of Pitt, Allran, Dannelly, and Albertson.

Referred to: Appropriations

May 1, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR
JUVENILES UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE COURT.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year for the Child Adolescent Substance Abuse Services Branch, for substance abuse services for juveniles under the supervision of the court.

Of these funds, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each fiscal year shall be allocated in grants to from four to eight local initiatives coordinated with particular judicial districts and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) each fiscal year shall be used by the Branch to evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives. Services that shall be provided by the initiatives include (i) a screening, (ii) an assessment and treatment plan offering individualized services such as high-risk intervention, outpatient treatment, family services, and case management, and (iii) access to more intensive levels of services.

The grants shall be allocated on the basis of:

- 1 (1) The identified need in the proposed initiative's subject area;
2 (2) The evidence of successful collaboration among the local administrative
3 offices of the court, local mental health, developmental disabilities, and
4 substance abuse programs, and the proposed contract agencies; and
5 (3) The capacity of the local provider agencies to develop and render the
6 proposed services.

7 The Branch shall collaborate with the Juvenile Services Division,
8 Administrative Office of the Courts, in developing and administering the grants proposals
9 for the initiatives and in evaluating these initiatives. The evaluation report shall include
10 recommendations for the improvement and expansion of the initiatives to ensure that all
11 juveniles under the supervision of the court who require substance abuse services have
12 access to these services.

13 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.