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HOUSE BILL 1714

Short Title: Est. Rape Crisis/Victims' Services Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Underhill; Faison, Harrison, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Judiciary III, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RAPE CRISIS/VICTIMS' SERVICES PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 50C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 50C-12. Rape Crisis/Victims' Services Program.

The Rape Crisis/Victims' Services Program is established within the Department of State Treasurer. The program shall be administered by the Department of Administration, North Carolina Council for Women, and shall be used to make grants to centers for victims of sexual assault or stalking and to The North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault. This program shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the Executive Budget Act. The Department of Administration shall make quarterly grants to each eligible rape crisis center and to The North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Each grant recipient shall receive the same amount. To be eligible to receive funds under this section, a rape crisis center shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) It shall have been in operation on the preceding July 1 and shall continue to be in operation.
- (2) It shall offer all of the following services: a hotline, transportation services, community education programs, daytime services, and call forwarding during the night, and it shall fulfill other criteria established by the Department of Administration.
- (3) It shall be a nonprofit corporation or a local governmental entity."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.