

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 1903

Short Title: Increase Protection from Sex Offenders/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ray, Goforth, Glazier, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); B. Allen, L. Allen, Blust, Brown, Capps, Clary, Coates, Dollar, England, Faison, Fisher, Frye, Goodwin, Grady, Harrell, Harrison, Hilton, Hollo, Holloway, Howard, Johnson, Ed Jones, LaRoque, Lewis, Lucas, Luebke, McGee, Moore, Pate, Preston, Rapp, Setzer, Sherrill, Starnes, Steen, Stiller, Underhill, Vinson, Weiss, Wiley, and Wray.

Referred to: Judiciary IV, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 11, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO
3 FULLY FUND THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENDER WATCH
4 PROGRAM, TO HELP FUND INCREASED LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS
5 TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND ADULTS FROM SEX OFFENDERS, AND TO
6 ASSIST WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING NEEDS AT THE JUSTICE
7 ACADEMY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
8 ON SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
11 Department of Justice the sum of three hundred three thousand five hundred sixty-four
12 dollars (\$303,564) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fully fund the North Carolina Sex
13 Offender Watch Program and to support two new information technology staff positions
14 for that program. The North Carolina Sex Offender Watch Program allows citizens,
15 employers, day care centers, schools, and other users to sign up with the Department of
16 Justice to receive proactive e-mail alert notifications each time a sex offender registers
17 an address within a mile of any address specified by the user in North Carolina. The
18 Program also provides a tool to allow users to enter any North Carolina address and
19 view a map of all adult sex offenders who live within a mile of the specified location
20 through GIS mapping.

21 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
22 Department of Justice the sum of three hundred sixty-nine thousand three hundred
23 eighty-eight dollars (\$369,388) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to provide full funding for
24 five new SBI computer crime and computer forensics investigators to increase

1 undercover law enforcement efforts to catch child predators and to speed the analysis of
2 computer forensic evidence used to arrest and prosecute these predators.

3 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
4 Department of Justice the sum of one hundred fifty-five thousand seven hundred four
5 dollars (\$155,704) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to provide full funding for two new
6 DNA investigators to further expedite and improve DNA evidence processing.

7 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Justice the sum of one hundred one thousand eighty dollars (\$101,080)
9 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to establish and support three new positions at the Justice
10 Academy to assist with the Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission and
11 the Sheriff Standards Division training needs.

12 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.