

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 174

Short Title: Apportioning of Court System Personnel. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Pittenger; Allran, Apodaca, Berger of Rockingham, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, East, Forrester, Goodall, Hartsell, Hunt, Jacumin, Preston, Smith, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A POLICY OF PROVIDING EACH JUDICIAL AND
3 PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT WITH COURT SYSTEM PERSONNEL
4 REPRESENTING THE SAME PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FUNDING THAT
5 THE DISTRICT COMPRISES IN TERMS OF TOTAL CASELOAD, AND TO
6 DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO ENSURE
7 THAT ITS REQUESTS FOR FUNDING ARE CONSISTENT WITH THAT
8 GOAL.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for court
11 personnel for each judicial and prosecutorial district of the State shall represent the
12 same percentage of total funding that the district comprises in terms of total caseload.

13 **SECTION 2.** Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended
14 by adding a new section to read:

15 "**§ 7A-350. Apportionment of court system personnel.**

16 In requesting funding from the General Assembly for additional court personnel for
17 the various judicial and prosecutorial districts of the State, the Administrative Office of
18 the Courts shall ensure that its requests are consistent with a policy of providing each
19 district with the same percentage of funding that the district comprises in terms of
20 caseload."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.