GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

Short Title: Domestic Violence Center Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Berger of Franklin, and Purcell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is established the Domestic Violence Center Fund as a special interest-bearing and nonreverting fund in the Department of Administration. The Fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and shall be credited with interest by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3. The Fund shall be eligible to receive State and federal funding.

The purpose of the Domestic Violence Center Fund is to develop, construct, and equip domestic violence centers that provide services to victims of domestic violence who live in one of the 15 counties in the State with the highest rate of unemployment. The North Carolina Council for Women, Department of Administration, shall award grants from the Fund based on criteria adopted by the Council and consistent with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Domestic Violence Center Fund in the Department of Administration the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to administer the Fund pursuant to this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.