## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021

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Short Title: Funds to Help Those Struggling with Addiction. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO BE GIVEN AS GRANT FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THOSE STRUGGLING WITH DRUG ADDICTION IN WILKES COUNTY AND SURRY COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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**SECTION 1.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds for both fiscal years of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$500,000 to be used as a grant for Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc., to maintain and support the R3 Recovery Community Center in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
- (2) \$500,000 to be used as a grant for Partners Health Management, a North Carolina Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) to support the Early Diversion Program it has developed in collaboration with PQA Healthcare, Inc., serving nonviolent misdemeanants in need of mental health and substance use screening, evaluation, and treatment.

**SECTION 2.** Report. – The Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc., and Partners Health Management, shall report on the use of funds appropriated in this act to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly upon its reconvening.

**SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.



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