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SENATE BILL DRS15396-NDa-181

Short Title: Support for Forsyth Co. Public Def's Office. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Lowe (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC  
3 DEFENDER'S OFFICE.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Indigent Defense  
6 Services the sum of four hundred fifty-six thousand one hundred one dollars (\$456,101) in  
7 nonrecurring funds in the 2022-2023 fiscal year to establish four time-limited, full-time positions  
8 for three years consisting of two assistant public defenders, one legal assistant, and one  
9 investigator for the purpose of addressing the case backlog created by the COVID-19 pandemic.  
10 These positions shall be located in Forsyth County.  
11 **SECTION 1.(b)** When developing the base budget, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, the  
12 Director of the Budget shall include funding for Public Defender Services (Fund Code: 1320) by  
13 an additional four hundred forty thousand five hundred thirty-four dollars (\$440,534) in  
14 nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and an additional four hundred forty thousand  
15 five hundred thirty-four dollars (\$440,534) in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.  
16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

