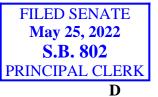
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021



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SENATE BILL DRS15388-LRa-152

Short Title:	Fund Our Police Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Batch, Garrett, and Fitch (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

2	AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR
3	LOCAL EMPLOYING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
4	OFFICERS WITH A ONE-TIME APPRECIATION AND RETENTION BONUS FOR
5	SERVICE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
6	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7	SECTION 1. Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this act:
8	(1) Department. – The Department of Public Safety.
9	(2) Local employing authority. – A city, county, or other local political
10	subdivision of this State. The term also includes the sheriff of a county.
11	(3) Local law enforcement officer. – A full-time employee hired by the local
12	employing authority and serving as a sheriffs' deputy, police officer, detention
13	officer, or telecommunicator.
14	SECTION 2. One-Time Bonus. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to
15	the Department of Public Safety the sum of fifty million seven hundred forty-five thousand
16	dollars (\$50,745,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to fund one-time
17	bonuses in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), payable to local law
18	enforcement officers who are employed on July 1, 2022, in recognition of their service during
19	the coronavirus pandemic. The Department shall administer the appreciation and retention bonus
20	program with technical assistance from the Office of State Budget and Management.
21	SECTION 3. Procedure to Participate. – By August 1, 2022, each local employing
22	authority shall submit to the Department documentation identifying the number of local law
23	enforcement officers eligible for the one-time appreciation and retention bonus and any
24	supporting information required by the Department. Prior to receiving any funds, the local
25	employing authority shall submit an attestation acknowledging that program funds shall be
26	provided directly to designated eligible local law enforcement officers in accordance with this
27	act. Each local employing authority shall pay the one-time appreciation and retention bonus to
28	each eligible local law enforcement officer by September 1, 2022.
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SECTION 4. Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

