

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 1339
HOUSE BILL 199

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM SIMILAR TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S "OPERATION-GET-SMART."

Whereas, the crime rate is soaring and our prisons are overcrowded; and

Whereas, a program like South Carolina's "Operation-Get-Smart" has shown that inmate contact with children and teenagers is proving a strong deterrent to crime; and

Whereas, it costs the State an average of eight thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$8,486.25) to house a prisoner for one year; and if 25 children or teenagers are dissuaded from a life of crime, the cost of the program would be saved in one year; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the fiscal year 1982-83 for the purpose of establishing within the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety a program in which male and female inmates of the State prison system would appear at school meetings or assemblies and civic organization meetings to relate their personal experiences concerning their attitudes leading them to commit crimes and their subsequent incarceration. The purpose of the program is to deter children and teenagers from engaging in criminal activity. These funds shall not become a part of the Department's continuation budget.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1982.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of June, 1982.