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SENATE BILL 146

Short Title: Gun Funds/Gun Melt-Down.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom; Lee and Marshall.

Referred to: Corrections/Punishment.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO PURCHASE FIREARMS FROM PERSONS WHO CHOOSE TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER THEIR DANGEROUS FIREARMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the
9 1994-95 fiscal year for a statewide program of grants to sheriffs' departments for the
10 purchase of firearms from persons who voluntarily surrender them in exchange for cash
11 or products or a combination of such and for the destruction of those firearms. Such
12 grants shall emphasize and encourage the surrender of automatic pistols, machine guns,
13 and other assault weapons that are adapted or built to fire multiple rounds of
14 ammunition.

(b) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety shall coordinate the statewide voluntary firearms purchase program and shall provide assistance to the sheriffs' departments in the administration of the program, including the most effective way to destroy the weapons. The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety shall establish rates of compensation under the voluntary firearms purchase program.

20 (c) The funds appropriated by this act shall be granted to those communities that
21 match the funds at the rate of one dollar of local money or in-kind contributions for
22 every dollar of State funds.

23 (d) All firearms surrendered shall be destroyed in accordance with the provisions
24 of G.S. 15-11.1.

1 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.