

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**EXTRA SESSION 1994**

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SENATE BILL 91

Short Title: Build Residence/Juv. Offdrs.

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Sponsors: Senators Tally, Walker; Ward, Gulley, and Edwards.

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Referred to: Juveniles/Prevention.

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February 15, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND  
2 OPERATION OF A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY TO PROVIDE EDUCATION  
3 AND TREATMENT SERVICES TO CERTAIN JUVENILES.  
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5 Whereas, Cumberland County has numerous youth who are adjudicated  
6 through the courts but for whom there are no or few dispositional options; and

7 Whereas, for many of these youth training school and detention centers are  
8 either inappropriate or unavailable due to space limitations; and

9 Whereas, training school does not provide appropriate educational and  
10 treatment programs, often resulting in returning the youth to the home, neighborhood,  
11 and lifestyle environment that fostered the unlawful behavior; and

12 Whereas, the absence of appropriate treatment and rehabilitation programs for  
13 youth offenders often results in escalation of the inappropriate and unlawful activities of  
14 these youth; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
17 Human Resources, Division of Youth Services, the sum of three million dollars  
18 (\$3,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the construction and one year's operating  
19 cost of a 75-bed locked/secure residential facility to house juvenile offenders ages 16 to  
20 18 years. This facility shall be constructed in Cumberland County and shall be used to  
21 provide on-site education and treatment services to juvenile offenders as an alternative  
22 to training schools and detention centers. Residents of the facility shall be juveniles  
23 between the ages of 16 and 18 years who have been sentenced to the facility by the

- 1 court system. Treatment services available to residents of the facility shall include  
2 mental health and substance abuse services provided by the county mental health center.  
3           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.