

Whereas, although the program has shown considerable success, there is not a structured aftercare system for clients as they return home and reenter the community; and

Whereas, one suggestion is to provide a structured level of response that corresponds to the individual's specific needs including the services of a DART counselor, a probation or parole officer, and a nurse, customized to meet the needs of the individual; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Correction the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 1997-98
4 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 1998-99
5 fiscal year to operate a flexible aftercare program for Drug Alcohol Recovery Treatment
6 participants as they reenter their communities.

7 PART II. EXPAND THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (DARE)
8 PROGRAM TO THE SEVENTH AND NINTH GRADES.

9 Section 2. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

10 "(38) Expand DARE Program to Seventh and Ninth Grades. – Local boards of
11 education shall use available State and federal resources to expand the
12 Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program to the seventh and ninth
13 grades."

14 PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE.

15 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.