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SENATE BILL 1337

Short Title: Funds for At-Risk Children.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 26, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE
3 JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TO ESTABLISH A PILOT
4 PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention the sum of five hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to establish a pilot program in
9 Edgecombe County to provide programs and services, including nutritional and
10 recreational services and housing, to children who have no adult supervision during all
11 or part of the hours those children are not in school and who are either neglected or who
12 are at risk of becoming undisciplined or delinquent. The pilot program shall be
13 established by January 1, 2005. The program shall work with appropriate local and State
14 agencies and programs to provide services, treatment, and care to children who are in
15 need of social services or medical or psychiatric care or treatment.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
17 Prevention shall evaluate the pilot program established by this act and report to the
18 General Assembly by May 1, 2005, on the structure, operations, and the expenditures
19 related to the administration and operation of the program. The report shall include
20 information on the number of children served and an evaluation of the effectiveness of
21 the pilot program in helping those children. The Department shall submit the report
22 required by this section to the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate
23 and House of Representatives and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
24 Operations.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.