

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 120**

Short Title: DOJ Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Goforth, Ray, Glazier, Spear (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Braxton, Cole, Coleman, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Frye, Harrison, Howard, Martin, Mobley, Moore, Setzer, Tarleton, Underhill, Wainwright, R. Warren, and Wray.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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February 8, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO  
3 HELP SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENDER WATCH  
4 INITIATIVE AND TO FUND NEW POSITIONS FOR SBI FIELD COMPUTER  
5 AGENTS AND COMPUTER FORENSIC ANALYSTS TO INCREASE  
6 UNDERCOVER LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO CATCH CHILD  
7 PREDATORS AND SPEED UP THE ANALYSIS OF COMPUTER FORENSIC  
8 EVIDENCE USED TO ARREST AND PROSECUTE THE SEXUAL  
9 PREDATORS.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
12 Department of Justice the sum of three hundred four thousand three hundred forty-two  
13 dollars (\$304,342) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to provide funding for the North  
14 Carolina Sex Offender Watch Initiative. The funds appropriated by this section shall be  
15 used to support two information technology staff positions for the North Carolina Sex  
16 Offender Watch Initiative and to cover mapping software subscription costs of the  
17 Initiative.

18 During the 2006 Regular Session, the General Assembly provided funds to  
19 support and develop the North Carolina Sex Offender Watch Initiative. The North  
20 Carolina Sex Offender Watch Initiative uses new technology to provide more current  
21 and useful information by doing all of the following:

- 22 (1) Allowing residents of a community to be notified by e-mail  
23 immediately when a sex offender moves into their neighborhood,  
24 (2) Allowing victims or their family members to sign up to receive e-mail  
25 alerts about the movements of specific offenders, and

1           (3) Using mapping to show exactly where an offender lives in relation to a  
2           neighborhood, school, bus stop, day care center, park, business, or any  
3           other location of concern.

4           **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
5 Department of Justice the sum of five hundred seventeen thousand nine hundred  
6 fifty-eight dollars (\$517,958) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to provide full funding for  
7 four new State Bureau of Investigation field computer crime agents and two new  
8 computer forensics analysts to increase undercover law enforcement efforts to catch  
9 child predators and speed up the analysis of computer forensic evidence used to arrest  
10 and prosecute these sexual predators.

11           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.