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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES PURSUANT TO
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER FUND

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration the sum of six million four hundred thirty-six thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$6,436,683) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to be allocated to the Domestic Violence Center Fund established under G.S. 50B-9.

TANF FUNDING

SECTION 2. The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) appropriated in the TANF Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used for Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness and shall be used for grants to support initiatives by local domestic violence programs to prevent domestic violence. Prevention activities shall include efforts to reach underserved populations and shall be culturally sensitive and multilingual. The Department shall award grants to community-based organizations that demonstrate the ability to collaborate and coordinate services with other local human services agencies and organizations in order to serve children and families where domestic violence has occurred or is occurring. The Department shall report on the use of these funds no later than May 1, 2012, to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 3. The sum of two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) appropriated under this section in TANF funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used to provide domestic violence services to Work First recipients. These funds shall be used to provide domestic violence counseling, support, and other direct services to clients. These funds shall not be used to establish new domestic violence shelters or to facilitate lobbying efforts. The Division of Social Services may use up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in TANF funds to support one administrative position within the Division of Social Services to implement this section.

Each county department of social services and the local domestic violence shelter program serving the county shall develop jointly a plan for utilizing these funds. The plan shall



1 include the services to be provided and the manner in which the services shall be delivered. The
2 county plan shall be signed by the county social services director or the director's designee and
3 the domestic violence program director or the director's designee and submitted to the Division
4 of Social Services by December 1, 2011 The Division of Social Services, in consultation with
5 the Council for Women, shall review the county plans and shall provide consultation and
6 technical assistance to the departments of social services and local domestic violence shelter
7 programs, if needed.

8 The Division of Social Services shall allocate these funds to county departments of
9 social services according to the following formula: (i) each county shall receive a base
10 allocation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and (ii) each county shall receive an allocation of
11 the remaining funds based on the county's proportion of the statewide total of the Work First
12 caseload as of July 1, 2011, and the county's proportion of the statewide total of the individuals
13 receiving domestic violence services from programs funded by the Council for Women as of
14 July 1, 2011. The Division of Social Services may reallocate unspent funds to counties that
15 submit a written request for additional funds.

16 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.