

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 860

Short Title: Support Inmate/Juvenile Release to Community. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Smith (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 27, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO DEVELOP A PLAN REGARDING PRISON DEPOPULATION, A PLAN REGARDING FUTURE RESPONSE EFFORTS FOR AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019, AND A PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTENDING THE LIMITS OF CONFINEMENT POLICY; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, shall do each of the following:

- (1) Develop a plan for the release to the community of offenders that are (i) serving a sentence for a nonviolent crime, (ii) suffering from a medical diagnosis that compromises the offender's immune system, (iii) near release, or (iv) juveniles.
- (2) Develop a plan regarding future response efforts for an emergency related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- (3) Develop a plan for the implementation of Extending the Limits of Confinement (ELC) policy in order to increase the number of nonviolent offenders being released to community supervision.

SECTION 1.(b) The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall submit the plans required by this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than September 1, 2020.

SECTION 1.(c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used for electronic monitoring services, community corrections staffing, and other costs associated with the release of offenders to the community upon the implementation of the plans required by this section.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used to help previously incarcerated individuals transition into their community following their release from incarceration. The funds appropriated by this section shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$100,000 to the Buncombe County Local Reentry Council.
- (2) \$100,000 to the Craven-Pamlico Reentry Council.
- (3) \$100,000 to the Durham County Local Reentry Council.
- (4) \$100,000 to the South East Regional Local Reentry Council.



- 1 (5) \$100,000 to the Re-Entry Partners of Mecklenburg Local Reentry Council.
- 2 (6) \$100,000 to the McDowell County Local Reentry Council.
- 3 (7) \$100,000 to the N.E.W. Local Reentry Council.
- 4 (8) \$100,000 to the New Hanover County Local Reentry Council.
- 5 (9) \$100,000 to the Orange County Local Reentry Council.
- 6 (10) \$100,000 to the Pitt County Local Reentry Council.
- 7 (11) \$100,000 to the Fayetteville-Cumberland Reentry Council.
- 8 (12) \$100,000 to the Forsyth County Local Reentry Council.
- 9 (13) \$100,000 to the Wake County Local Reentry Council.
- 10 (14) \$100,000 to the Guilford County Local Reentry Council.
- 11 (15) \$100,000 to the Halifax-Northampton Reentry Roundtable.
- 12 (16) \$100,000 to the Johnston County Reentry Roundtable.
- 13 (17) \$100,000 to the Martin County Reentry Roundtable.
- 14 (18) \$100,000 to the Wayne County Reentry Roundtable.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.