A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT SERVE POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement, the sum of eighty thousand dollars ($80,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to hire one permanent, full-time position at the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement that would at a minimum do each of the following:

(1) Serve as a liaison between the Council and the North Carolina court system.
(2) Serve as a liaison between the Council and the Domestic Violence Commission.
(3) Provide oversight, technical assistance, and materials to existing and developing Domestic Violence Intervention Programs throughout the State.
(4) Seek funding and other assistance to make Domestic Violence Intervention Programs available in counties throughout the State that do not yet have these programs.
(5) Support national efforts to guide, research, and train those that do work similar to that of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs.

SECTION 2. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to provide grants throughout the State for the purpose of developing, maintaining, or expanding Domestic Violence Intervention Programs.

SECTION 2. (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to provide grants to Domestic Violence Intervention Programs throughout the State for the purpose of allowing these programs to pay for language interpreters, sign language interpreters, or other services that benefit uniquely vulnerable populations.

SECTION 2. (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to provide grants to Domestic Violence Intervention Programs throughout the State for the
purpose of training for staff to include emerging and evidence-based innovations and best
practices with regard to intervention programs.

SECTION 2.(d) The North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement
shall establish the procedures and criteria for awarding grants under this section. These
procedures and criteria shall comply with the State Budget Act. The Council shall make the final
decision on the award of grants and shall announce the award publicly in a timely manner.

SECTION 2.(e) On or before November 1 of each fiscal year until grant funds are
expended, the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement shall report the
complete history of distributions of grant funds made pursuant to this section to the chairs of the
House General Government Appropriations Committee, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations
on General Government and Information Technology Committee, and the Fiscal Research
Division of the General Assembly. The report shall include at a minimum the date, amount, and
recipient of each distribution of grant funds, as well as the current balance of funds appropriated
or allocated to be distributed as grant funds under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

SECTION 2.(f) Funds appropriated in this section shall not revert but shall remain
available for expenditure by the Council for the purposes set forth in this section.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.