A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE ACADEMY
AND THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OFFICE FOR
THE PURCHASE OF POLICE TRAINING SIMULATORS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR
USE BY ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
Justice, North Carolina Justice Academy, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000)
in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to purchase two virtual training
simulators for the purposes outlined in Section 3 of this act. One of the virtual training simulators
funded by this section shall be located at the North Carolina Justice Academy Salemburg
Campus, and the other shall be located at the North Carolina Justice Academy Edneyville
Campus.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community
Colleges System Office the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000) in
nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to purchase 10 virtual training
simulators for the purposes outlined in Section 3 of this act. The virtual training simulators funded
by this section shall be distributed evenly throughout the State, located on North Carolina
community college campuses.

SECTION 3. The virtual training simulators funded in Sections 1 and 2 of this act
shall be used to help law enforcement officers evaluate the appropriate use of both lethal and
nonlethal weapons typically available to law enforcement officers as well as the appropriate use
of de-escalation techniques in confrontational or potentially confrontational encounters. The
virtual training simulators shall be capable of presenting training settings that allow for a variety
of racial, cultural, and developmental differences in individuals with whom officers interact. The
virtual training simulators shall be made available for basic and in-service law enforcement
training for law enforcement officers employed by North Carolina law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.