

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 790**

Short Title: Support for Forsyth Co. Public Def's Office. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Lowe (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget

May 26, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Indigent Defense Services the sum of four hundred fifty-six thousand one hundred one dollars (\$456,101) in nonrecurring funds in the 2022-2023 fiscal year to establish four time-limited, full-time positions for three years consisting of two assistant public defenders, one legal assistant, and one investigator for the purpose of addressing the case backlog created by the COVID-19 pandemic. These positions shall be located in Forsyth County.

**SECTION 1.(b)** When developing the base budget, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, the Director of the Budget shall include funding for Public Defender Services (Fund Code: 1320) by an additional four hundred forty thousand five hundred thirty-four dollars (\$440,534) in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and an additional four hundred forty thousand five hundred thirty-four dollars (\$440,534) in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.



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