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HOUSE BILL DRH10611-NQa-36

Short Title: Funding Vocational Rehabilitation.

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Sponsors: Representative Reives.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR GRANTS PROVIDING
3 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING
4 IN A LOCAL JUDICIALLY MANAGED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY
5 COURT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
9 Substance Use Services, the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) in
10 nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to provide grant funds to counties to
11 allow local judicially managed accountability and recovery courts to obtain vocational
12 rehabilitation training and other employment-related services and supports for individuals
13 assigned to a local judicially managed accountability and recovery court. Training obtained for
14 individuals under this section shall be provided by a North Carolina community college, the
15 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, an NCWorks partner, a local workforce
16 development board, a registered apprenticeship sponsor, or another public or private provider
17 approved by the Department in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts. Grant
18 funds received pursuant to this section may also be used to provide transportation to these
19 trainings and other reasonable supports necessary to enable participation in training or
20 employment, including books, testing fees, licensing or certification fees, uniforms, tools,
21 equipment, and child care. Services provided under this section shall be reasonably related to the
22 participant's case plan, treatment plan, recovery plan, vocational rehabilitation plan, or other
23 individualized assessment-based plan.

24 **SECTION 1.(b)** The grant funds distributed pursuant to this section shall be
25 distributed through a competitive grant program developed and managed by the Department of
26 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
27 Substance Use Services, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts. No county
28 may receive grant funds distributed pursuant to this section in excess of one hundred fifty
29 thousand dollars (\$150,000) in a single fiscal year, except that the Department may waive this
30 limitation for good cause shown based on participant volume, documented need, regional service
31 gaps, or multijurisdictional program participation.

32 **SECTION 2.** Within 60 days of distributing a grant pursuant to this act, the
33 Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight
34 Committee on Health and Human Services the county receiving the grant and the amount of
35 funds awarded. The Department shall also report no later than March 1, 2027, to the Joint
36 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative



1 Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the number of participants served, the types
2 of services funded, and any available information regarding training completion, credential
3 attainment, employment placement, employment retention, and program completion outcomes.

4 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, funds
5 appropriated and distributed pursuant to this act shall not revert until June 30, 2028.

6 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.