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HOUSE BILL DRH30217-LRa-144A

Short Title: Award Magistrates Salary Increases.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Moss.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AWARDING LEGISLATIVE SALARY INCREASES TO MAGISTRATES AND  
3 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Effective July 1, 2025, there is appropriated from the General Fund to  
6 the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of eleven million five hundred thousand dollars  
7 (\$11,500,000) in recurring funds in each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to be allocated  
8 for magistrate salary increases authorized by this act.

9 **SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2025, G.S. 7A-171.1 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 7A-171.1. Duty hours, salary, and travel expenses within county.**

11 (a) The Administrative Officer of the Courts, after consultation with the chief district  
12 judge and pursuant to the following provisions, shall set an annual salary for each magistrate:

- 13 (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the table set  
14 out in this subdivision. A full-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned  
15 to work an average of not less than 40 hours a week during the term of office.  
16 The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall designate whether a magistrate  
17 is full-time. Initial appointment shall be at the entry rate. A magistrate's salary  
18 shall increase to the next step every two years on the anniversary of the date  
19 the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 1 through 3, and  
20 every four years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally  
21 appointed for increases to Steps 4 through 6:

22 *Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates*

23 Step Level	23 Annual Salary
24 <u>Entry Rate</u>	24 \$47,228
25 <u>Step 1</u>	25 \$50,714
26 <u>Step 2</u>	26 \$54,475
27 <u>Step 3</u>	27 \$58,457
28 <u>Step 4</u>	28 \$63,228
29 <u>Step 5</u>	29 \$68,973
30 <u>Step 6</u>	30 \$75,415.
31 <u>Entry Rate</u>	31 \$56,674
32 <u>Step 1</u>	32 \$60,857
33 <u>Step 2</u>	33 \$65,370
34 <u>Step 3</u>	34 \$70,148
35 <u>Step 4</u>	35 \$75,874
36 <u>Step 5</u>	36 \$82,768



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Step 6

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**SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.