

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025**

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**HOUSE BILL 511**

Short Title: Award Magistrates Salary Increases. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Moss, Pyrtle, and Miller (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 26, 2025

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

*Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates*

<b>Step Level</b>	<b>Annual Salary</b>
<u>Entry Rate</u>	\$47,228
<u>Step 1</u>	\$50,714
<u>Step 2</u>	\$54,475
<u>Step 3</u>	\$58,457
<u>Step 4</u>	\$63,228
<u>Step 5</u>	\$68,973
<u>Step 6</u>	\$75,415.
<u>Entry Rate</u>	\$56,674
<u>Step 1</u>	\$60,857
<u>Step 2</u>	\$65,370
<u>Step 3</u>	\$70,148
<u>Step 4</u>	\$75,874



1		<u>Step 5</u>	<u>\$82,768</u>
2		<u>Step 6</u>	<u>\$90,498.</u>

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