

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025**

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SENATE BILL 176

Short Title: Let Mitchell Co, NC Sign MOU with Unicoi Co. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 27, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MITCHELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO
2 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNICOI COUNTY,
3 TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL
4 OPERATIONS MISSIONS ACROSS STATE LINES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Mitchell
8 County Sheriff's Office may enter into memorandums of understanding with the Unicoi County,
9 Tennessee, Sheriff's Office to engage across state lines in law enforcement special operations
10 missions.

11 **SECTION 1.(b)** Any memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this
12 section shall specify the manner in which liability claims for damage to persons or property as a
13 result of law enforcement special operations missions will be shared or assigned. While ensuring
14 public safety, each memorandum of understanding shall limit to the greatest extent possible the
15 liability of Mitchell County and the State.

16 **SECTION 2.** No later than November 1 of each year, any memorandum of
17 understanding entered into that year pursuant to this act shall be reported to the Department of
18 Justice.

19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

