

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 1762

Short Title: Summit House Funds.

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Sponsors: Representative Bowie.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 8, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FUND A PILOT PROGRAM AT SUMMIT  
2 HOUSE, A COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION  
3 FOR MOTHERS AND PREGNANT WOMEN.  
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5 Whereas, Summit House, located in Guilford County, is a nonprofit  
6 organization whose purpose is to provide a community-based residential alternative to  
7 prison for mothers and pregnant women who have been convicted of nonviolent crimes;  
8 and

9 Whereas, Summit House offers an alternative to the incarceration of a mother  
10 or pregnant woman and the placement of her children in foster care; and

11 Whereas, Summit House prevents such family breakups by allowing children  
12 to remain with their mothers in a residential setting while their mothers satisfy their  
13 obligations to the criminal justice system; and

14 Whereas, Summit House has a structured program that provides close  
15 supervision and a treatment approach that includes group and individual counseling,  
16 classes in daily living, family counseling, and substance abuse treatment; and

17 Whereas, the program provides instruction in the areas of parenting, good  
18 health, addiction, family relationships, self-management, housing, education,  
19 employment, and social skills; Now, therefore,

20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
22 Correction \$75,000 for the 1989-90 for a pilot program at Summit House, a community-  
23 based residential alternative to incarceration for mothers and pregnant women convicted  
24 of non-violent crimes.

1           Sec. 2. The Department of Correction shall monitor the pilot program and  
2 shall provide an evaluation of its effectiveness to the General Assembly on or before  
3 May 1, 1990.

4           Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.