GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1270

Short Title: Funds for Female Offenders Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Colton, Easterling, Nesbitt, and Crawford.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 5, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE WOMEN AT RISK PROGRAM, A
SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAM
ESTABLISHED IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A SIMILAR PROGRAM IN MECKLENBURG
COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice in Buncombe County the sum of one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year to be distributed as follows:

- \$90,000 for the operating expenses of the Women At Risk Program, a successful community-based treatment alternative for jail and prison-bound female offenders established in 1988 by Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice for the purpose of reducing jail overcrowding by assisting women offenders in overcoming old patterns of behavior, including victimization and abuse, that have rendered them at risk of imprisonment; and
- (2) \$15,000 to oversee the establishment of a similar program in Mecklenburg County;

and the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the operating expenses of the Women At Risk Program.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Mecklenburg Community Corrections, Inc., in Mecklenburg County the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year for the operating expenses of its new

- 1 program modeled after the Women At Risk Program in Buncombe County, which new
- 2 program will begin operation January 1994, and the sum of ninety thousand dollars
- 3 (\$90,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the operating expenses of this new program's
- 4 first full year of operation.
- 5 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.