GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 118
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Short Title: Funds for Crime Stoppers.   (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 14, 1994

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO LOCAL "CRIME STOPPERS"
3	PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5	Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6	Crime Control and Public Safety, to be administered through the Crime Prevention
7	Division, the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000) for the 1994-1995
8	fiscal year, to be allocated as follows:
9	(1) $35,000 to the North Carolina Crime Stoppers Association, to be used
10	as seed money to assist in the development of new Crime Stoppers
11	programs (providing for both administrative and reward costs), the
12	promotion of existing Crime Stoppers programs, and to provide reward
13	money for information received from areas without Crime Stoppers
14	programs.
15	(2) $650,000 to local Crime Stoppers programs. These funds shall be
16	divided among the existing programs, and among new programs
17	formed after July 1, 1994, based upon the population of the county or
18	counties in which they operate according to the following schedule:
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	County Population	Amount
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21	Under 50,000	$ 5,000
22	50-100,000	$10,000
23	100-250,000	$15,000

1   Over 250,000 $20,000

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3   No existing program shall receive less than five thousand dollars

4   ($5,000), except in the case of multiprogram counties, and no program

5   shall receive more than twenty thousand dollars ($20,000). These

6   funds shall be used by the local Crime Stoppers programs only as

7   reward money for information received to help solve crimes.

8   In the case of local programs formed after July 1, 1994, funds

9   disbursed shall be prorated according to the date of incorporation of

10   the new program. A letter of application from the chairman of the

11   Board of Directors of a newly formed Crime Stoppers program shall

12   be submitted to the Crime Prevention Division and verified through

13   the North Carolina Crime Stoppers Association before any monies

14   shall be disbursed.

15   (3) $15,000 to the Crime Prevention Division of the Department of Crime

16   Control and Public Safety, to be used to assist with program

17   development and promotion, and to administer the funds appropriated

18   in this act.

19   Sec. 2.   The Crime Prevention Division shall administer the funds

20 appropriated in this act. By August 1, 1994, the Division shall provide written

21 notification to the Board of Directors of each existing local Crime Stoppers program of

22 their eligibility to receive funding under the provisions of this act. A certified list of

23 active Crime Stoppers programs shall be provided to the Crime Prevention Division by

24 the North Carolina Crime Stoppers Association for this purpose.

25   (1)   Each eligible Crime Stoppers program shall provide to the Crime

26   Prevention Division a letter of acceptance or waiver of the allocated

27   funds from the chairman of the Board of Directors of said program by

28   September 1, 1994.

29   (2)   Crime Stoppers programs which fail to provide written notice of

30   acceptance by September 1, 1994, shall be deemed to have waived

31   their acceptance of these funds, and said funds shall be diverted to the

32   use and benefit of the North Carolina Crime Stoppers Association to

33   be used for development of new Crime Stoppers programs (providing

34   for both administrative and reward costs) and for reward money for

35   information received from areas without Crime Stoppers programs.

36   (3)   In counties where more than one Crime Stoppers program is

37   operational, the funds allocated for that county shall be divided

38   proportionally among each of the Crime Stoppers programs based on

39   the population of the jurisdiction served by each program. The North

40   Carolina Crime Stoppers Association shall provide recommendations

41   to the Crime Prevention Division of the allocations to be made in such

42   counties.

43   (4)   Those Crime Stoppers programs serving more than one county shall

44   receive the sum of the monies allocated to the individual counties

1   served by that program, not to exceed twenty thousand dollars
2   ($20,000).
3   Sec. 3. Each Crime Stoppers program receiving funds through this act shall at
4   its own cost submit to an annual independent audit at the end of the fiscal year. These
5   audits shall be conducted in accordance with the auditing standards prescribed by the
6   State Auditor. The audit report shall be forwarded to the State Auditor and the Crime
7   Prevention Division of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for review.
8   Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.