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HOUSE BILL 62

Short Title: Funds for Female Offenders Programs.

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

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 9, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE WOMEN AT RISK PROGRAM, A  
2 SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAM  
3 ESTABLISHED IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
4 TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A SIMILAR PROGRAM IN MECKLENBURG  
5 COUNTY.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

11 (1) \$90,000 for the operating expenses of the Women At Risk Program, a  
12 successful community-based treatment alternative for jail-bound and  
13 prison-bound female offenders established in 1988 by Western  
14 Carolinians for Criminal Justice for the purpose of reducing jail  
15 overcrowding by assisting women offenders in overcoming old  
16 patterns of behavior, including victimization and abuse, that have  
17 rendered them at risk of imprisonment; and

18 (2) \$15,000 to oversee the establishment of a similar program in  
19 Mecklenburg County;

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

22 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Mecklenburg  
23 Community Corrections, Inc., in Mecklenburg County the sum of forty-five thousand  
24 dollars (\$45,000) for the 1994-95 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 is scheduled to begin operation January 1995.
- 3           Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.