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SENATE BILL 116*

Short Title: GAPS Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Hoyle; and Forrester.

Referred to: Courts.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GREATER AFTER PRISON
SUPPORT PROGRAM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Correction, Division of Prisons, the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to support the Greater After Prison Support program (GAPS), a community-based prerelease and aftercare program for prison inmates. The GAPS program is designed to rehabilitate prison inmates and reduce recidivism by developing positive mental attitudes in those inmates.

Sec. 2. The Greater After Prison Support program shall report quarterly to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the expenditure of State appropriations and on the effectiveness of the program, including information on the number of clients served, the number of clients who complete the prerelease component of the program, and the number of clients who participate in the post-release component of the program.

Sec. 3. The Department of Corrections shall track the Greater After Prison Support program with an evaluation model consistent with existing models that show the impact of the program on participants regarding post-release parole violations, rearrests, and recidivism rates. The Department shall provide a written evaluation of the program to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the House and Senate Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal Research Division by May 1, 1995.

1 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.