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SENATE BILL 141

Short Title: Guilford Juv. Det. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford; Shaw and Seymour.

Referred to: Juveniles/Prevention.

February 15, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A NEW GUILFORD COUNTY
JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY.

Whereas, Guilford County's present Juvenile Detention Center was constructed in 1957 to provide temporary, secure custody for 24 juveniles from Rockingham, Caswell, Alamance, Randolph, and Guilford Counties; and

Whereas, in 1977 the facility was expanded to house 32 juveniles, then reduced to house 28 in order to provide space for a nurse's room and for office and classroom space; and

Whereas, the 1977 renovation marks the last time that some areas of the building were painted and carpeted, while other sections have not had such maintenance since the early eighties; and

Whereas, the electrical and plumbing systems require frequent repairs; and

Whereas, most equipment in the building has been used well past its normal life expectancy; and

Whereas, the facility has seen a dramatic increase in the number of juveniles it is being called upon to house, with this figure rising to 39 in December 1993; and

Whereas, on average one-third of the facility's population is from Guilford County; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Guilford County the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to construct and equip a new Juvenile Detention Center to house 40 detainees and provide adequate additional space for office, classroom, and medical needs.

- 1 These funds shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by local funds.
2 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.