

Whereas, a western campus of the North Carolina Justice Academy would serve as a valuable resource to the Department of Correction and other State law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, by serving students from Winston-Salem to Charlotte westward, a western campus of the North Carolina Justice Academy would help to eliminate the long distances that students from Western North Carolina have to travel for classes offered in Salemburg and encourage those in the west who have not received training to participate in this advanced and in-service training; and

Whereas, a western campus of the North Carolina Justice Academy would also benefit law enforcement officers in Eastern North Carolina by giving them more accessibility to training at the Salemburg campus; and

Whereas, a western campus of the North Carolina Justice Academy in McDowell County would be accessible via Interstate 40, U.S. 221 and N.C. 226, to the western half of North Carolina within approximately two hours; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Justice the sum of thirteen million three hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$13,312,000)
4 for the 1995-96 fiscal year for planning, land purchase, site development, and
5 construction costs to establish a western campus of the North Carolina Justice Academy
6 in McDowell County.

7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.