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HOUSE BILL 1439

Short Title: Funds for Boys and Girls Clubs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hardaway; Cunningham, Boyd-McIntyre, Wright (Primary Sponsors), Bonner Braswell, Earle, Wainwright, and Yongue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 29, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS TO PREVENT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Office of Juvenile Justice shall develop a pilot program that grants funds to the local organizations of the Boys and Girls Club in the 10 counties with the highest rate of juvenile delinquency. The local organization shall provide funds to match the State funds granted pursuant to this section. In developing the program, the Office shall establish criteria for receiving a grant pursuant to this section and shall develop a funding strategy to encourage local organizations to provide resources and services to meet the physical, emotional, and educational needs of juveniles who are at risk of becoming delinquent or undisciplined, and to their families. The Office shall consider requiring local organizations that receive grant funds pursuant to this section to:

- (1) Encourage juveniles to become involved in community programs that instill in juveniles pride in their communities and develop self-respect and the skills needed for them to be productive, responsible members of their communities;

1 (2) Coordinate with the local schools and State and local law enforcement
2 to educate juveniles regarding the justice system and to promote respect
3 for authority and an appreciation of societal laws and mores; and

4 (3) Provide guidance to and positive role models for juveniles.

5 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of
6 Juvenile Justice the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for
7 the 1999-2000 fiscal year to implement this act. Funds appropriated to the Office of
8 Juvenile Justice for the 1999-2000 fiscal year may be used to match federal funds.

9 Section 3. The Office of Juvenile Justice shall report by April 1, 2000, to the
10 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the House and
11 Senate Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the House and Senate
12 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of State
13 appropriations and on the operations and the effectiveness of the program, including
14 information on the number of juveniles served.

15 Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.