**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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HOUSE BILL 603

Short Title:  Renew Bad Check Pilot Program.                          (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hill; Nye, Redwine, and Wright.

Referred to:  Appropriations.

March 25, 1999

1             A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2  AN ACT TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON BAD CHECK PILOT PROGRAMS AND
3     TO ADD BRUNSWICK AND BLADEN COUNTIES TO THE BAD CHECK
4     PILOT PROGRAM.
5  The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6          Section 1.  Subsection (e) of Section 18.22 of S.L. 1997-443, as amended by
7  Section 16.3 of S.L. 1998-212, reads as rewritten:
8     "(e)   This section becomes effective October 1, 1997, and expires June 30, ~~1999.~~
9  2000."
10          Section 2.  Subsection (d) of Section 18.22 of S.L. 1997-443, as amended by
11  Section 16.3 of S.L. 1998-212 and Section 21 of S.L. 1998-217, reads as rewritten:
12     "(d)   This section apples only to <u>Bladen, Brunswick,</u> Columbus, Durham,
13  Rockingham, and Wake Counties."
14          Section 3.  There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judicial
15  Department the sum of two hundred sixty-seven thousand seven hundred ninety-four
16  dollars ($267,794) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to continue the bad check collection pilot
17  programs in Columbus, Durham, Rockingham, and Wake Counties as established in
18  Section 18.22 of S.L. 1997-443, as amended by Section 16.3 of S.L. 1998-212, and to
19  establish bad check collection pilot programs in Bladen and Brunswick Counties.

1    Section 4.  The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report by May 1,
2   2000, to the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees and the Chairs
3   of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on
4   the implementation of the programs authorized by this act, including their effectiveness
5   in assisting the recipients of worthless checks in obtaining restitution and the amount of
6   time saved in prosecuting worthless check cases.
7    Section 5.  Section 1 of this act becomes effective June 30, 1999.  The
8   remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 1999.