

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS55336-LL-254 (5/9)

Short Title: Wilmington Police Helicopter Equipment Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Boseman.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW
HELICOPTER AWARDED TO THE WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the City of
Wilmington the sum of four hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$428,000) for the
2006-2007 fiscal year to equip an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter that was awarded to the
Wilmington Police Department through the federal government's 10-33 program and
will be used to form a Southeastern North Carolina Regional Air Unit. The funds shall
be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$40,000 for a Wulfsberg Flexcomm communication system, an aviation radio system that allows communication with multiple law enforcement agencies from the cockpit during missions;
- (2) \$36,000 for a Spectra Nightsun spotlight, a 30,000,000 candlepower light mounted on the belly of the aircraft and attached to a gimble that allows control and movement of the light from inside the cockpit;
- (3) \$17,000 for high landing skids to raise the height of the aircraft and allow for landing in more remote areas;
- (4) \$300,000 for a FLIR Ultra 8500, an infrared camera system that allows the flight crew to track heat sources on the ground at night and is essential for nighttime law enforcement from the air; and
- (5) \$35,000 for an Avalex GPS and moving map system, a GPS system that is loaded with detailed maps of the region as well as navigational maps for the pilot and can be integrated to the same monitor as the FLIR system.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.