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HOUSE BILL 1950

Short Title: Sheriffs Immigration Enforcement Agmt./Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn, Braxton, R. Warren, Kiser (Primary Sponsors); Cleveland, Cotham, Langdon, Neumann, Setzer, and Spear.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME
3 COMMISSION TO ASSIST SHERIFFS' OFFICES IN NORTH CAROLINA IN
4 APPLYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION
5 AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) 287(G) PROGRAM, AS CODIFIED IN
6 8 U.S.C. § 1357(G).

7 Whereas, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
8 287(g) program is designed to enhance cooperation and communication between ICE
9 and State and local law enforcement agencies and officers; and

10 Whereas, the 287(g) program allows state and local law enforcement to assist
11 the federal government's efforts to apprehend and deport illegal aliens, many of whom
12 may have committed crimes in North Carolina; and

13 Whereas, North Carolina's sheriffs operate the jails and detention centers
14 where defendants are confined prior to trial for crimes allegedly committed in North
15 Carolina; and

16 Whereas, State funding will enable the provision of technical assistance to
17 North Carolina's sheriffs which will in turn allow them to participate in the 287(g)
18 program; Now, therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Governor's
21 Crime Commission of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of
22 seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the sum
23 of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for fiscal year 2008-2009 for a grant to the North
24 Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to do the following:

- 25 (1) Provide technical assistance and advice to the sheriffs of North
26 Carolina about the program operated pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g),
27 also known as the "287(g) program".

- 1 (2) Provide technical assistance to sheriffs seeking to negotiate a
2 memorandum of understanding pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), which
3 is the means by which a state or political subdivision initiates
4 participation in the 287(g) program.
5 (3) Enable sheriffs to send adequate personnel to the training required
6 under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(2) by reimbursing travel costs for the
7 officers attending the training, as well as reimbursing the sheriff's
8 office for the salary of the officers while attending the 287(g) program.

9 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.