

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 394**

Short Title: Funds for Mecklenburg Detention Center. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Saunders, Earle, Tillis (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Carney, Killian, and Samuelson.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IN  
2 MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND TO STUDY THE OPERATIONS OF, AND  
3 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH, THE FOUR LOCAL JUVENILE DETENTION  
4 CENTERS.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
8 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention the sum of two hundred  
9 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the preliminary  
10 planning and design of a new juvenile detention center in Mecklenburg County.

11 **SECTION 2.** The Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile  
12 Justice Oversight Committee ("Committee") shall study the four juvenile detention  
13 centers located in Durham, Guilford, Forsyth, and Mecklenburg Counties that are  
14 operated by the counties. For each of the facilities, the review shall include:

- 15 (1) Recent admission trends and projections of future population.
- 16 (2) The offense history and assessed needs of the population.
- 17 (3) Whether staffing levels are appropriate for the number and types of  
18 offenders housed in the facility.
- 19 (4) Whether the center has adequate housing capacity.
- 20 (5) Whether the physical facility has repair or renovation needs, the extent  
21 of those needs, and whether facility replacement or renovation is  
22 needed in the near future.
- 23 (6) The cost to operate the center, including the formula for allocating  
24 costs between the county that operates the facility and the State.
- 25 (7) The feasibility of the State operating the local detention center, if  
26 recommended by one or more of the counties that operate the facility.

27 The Committee shall conduct this study in conjunction with the local  
28 detention centers and the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

1 The Committee shall report its findings to the Chairs of the Senate and House of  
2 Representatives Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the Senate and House of  
3 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety upon the  
4 convening of the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly.

5 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.