

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 449*

Short Title: DART Continuing Care Funds/AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hackney, Bowie (Cosponsors); Baddour, Boyd-McIntyre, Culp, Gardner, Goodwin, Jeffus, Luebke, Miller, Thompson, and Watson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EXPANDING THE DRUG AND
3 ALCOHOL RECOVERY TREATMENT CONTINUING CARE PROGRAM AS
4 PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED INITIATIVES.

5 Whereas, the Governor's Task Force on Driving While Impaired has
6 recommended that a program be created to provide DART participants with a flexible
7 aftercare program as they reenter their communities; and

8 Whereas, the DART (Drug and Alcohol Recovery Treatment) program at the
9 Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro is designed for DWI offenders who have served active
10 prison sentences (and are eligible for parole) and for DWI offenders who have a
11 treatment recommendation from the sentencing judge (as a condition of their
12 probationary sentence); and

13 Whereas, although the program has shown considerable success, there is not a
14 structured aftercare system for clients as they return home and reenter the community;
15 and

16 Whereas, one suggestion is to provide a structured level of response that
17 corresponds to the individual's specific needs including the services of a DART
18 counselor, a probation or parole officer, and a nurse, customized to meet the needs of the
19 individual; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Correction the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 1997-98
4 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 1998-99
5 fiscal year to operate a flexible aftercare program for Drug Alcohol Recovery Treatment
6 participants as they reenter their communities.

7 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.