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HOUSE BILL 406\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/6/09

Short Title: W.Just.Acad./Wldlife Res. Firing/Arch Range.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 5, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE WILDLIFE  
2 RESOURCES COMMISSION TO DEVELOP JOINTLY A PLAN FOR  
3 CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRING RANGE FOR USE BY CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
4 OFFICERS ATTENDING THE WESTERN JUSTICE ACADEMY, LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND  
6 OTHERS AND FOR A FIRING AND ARCHERY RANGE OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE  
7 FOR PUBLIC USE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FIRING RANGE CONSTRUCTED  
8 ON THE GROUNDS OF THE LARRY T. JUSTUS WESTERN JUSTICE ACADEMY  
9 SHALL BE AN INDOOR FACILITY.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice and the Wildlife Resources Commission  
12 shall develop jointly a plan for the construction and operation of a firing range on land owned  
13 by the Wildlife Resources Commission in Polk County. The plan shall identify a tract of land  
14 comprising approximately 10 acres located in the Big Hungry section of the Green River game  
15 land approved by the Wildlife Resources Commission for this purpose. The plan shall provide  
16 for a firing range that can accommodate the needs of the criminal justice officers attending the  
17 Larry T. Justus Western Justice Academy, federal, State, and local agencies, community  
18 college law enforcement training, and the law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources  
19 Commission, as well as provide a facility for hunter safety classes supervised and conducted by  
20 the Wildlife Resources Commission. The plan shall further provide for a public firing and  
21 archery range, open and accessible for public use, to be operated by the Wildlife Resources  
22 Commission.

23 **SECTION 2.** Any firing range constructed by the Department of Justice on or  
24 adjacent to the grounds of the Larry T. Justus Western Justice Academy shall be built as an  
25 indoor facility.

26 **SECTION 3.** Funds appropriated to the Department of Justice for the 2007-2009  
27 fiscal biennium for a firing range at the Western Justice Academy shall be used to plan and  
28 construct the firing range developed in accordance with Section 1 of this act.

29 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
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