

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 756

Short Title: Funding for Emerg. Judges and Clerk Needs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Nickel (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 18, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY JUDGES, REMOTE WORKING
TECHNOLOGY FOR CLERKS' OFFICES, AND TEMPORARY POSITIONS FOR
CLERKS' OFFICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) For the purposes of this section, "COVID-19" shall be defined as the Coronavirus disease 2019.

SECTION 1.(b) There is appropriated the sum of seven million seven hundred seventy-one thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$7,771,675) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to be allocated as follows:

- (1) One million one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$1,127,000) for costs associated with additional emergency judges needed for clearing the growing backlog of cases in the court system due to COVID-19.
- (2) Five million eight hundred five thousand dollars (\$5,805,000) for the purchase of 3,000 laptops for statewide court system personnel to aid in remote working capabilities needed due to COVID-19.
- (3) Eight hundred thirty-nine thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$839,675) to hire temporary staff to help statewide clerks' offices manage the growing backlog of cases in the court system due to COVID-19.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

