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HOUSE BILL DRH40707-NDa-183

Short Title: Pitt Comm. Coll. Reentry Program/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Farkas.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE REENTRY
3 PROGRAM.

4 Whereas, according to the United States Department of Justice, reentry programs are
5 designed to help returning citizens successfully "reenter" society following their incarceration,
6 thereby reducing recidivism, improving public safety, and saving taxpayer money; and

7 Whereas, Pitt County reentry programs were administered by STRIVE/Life of NC, a
8 nonprofit organization that was dissolved in August 2020; and

9 Whereas, Pitt Community College assumed administrative responsibility for Pitt
10 County reentry programming in 2021, where it will manage funds, develop and implement
11 policies, engage participants, leverage existing workforce development infrastructure, and
12 provide overall direction for the work; Now, therefore,
13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
15 Public Safety the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
16 2022-2023 fiscal year to be provided as a grant to Pitt Community College to support the Pitt
17 County Reentry Program (Program), which assists ex-offenders who have recently been released
18 from a correctional institution by working to facilitate their transition into the community and
19 reduce recidivism. Funds shall be used for related programming and the purchase, lease, repair,
20 or renovation of any building or property needed by the Program. Funds appropriated pursuant
21 to this section shall not revert at the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year but shall remain available
22 until expended.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

