

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 948

Short Title: Funding Vocational Rehabilitation. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Reives, Sasser, Lowery, and Belk (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 2, 2024

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR GRANTS PROVIDING
3 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING
4 IN A LOCAL JUDICIALLY MANAGED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY
5 COURT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
9 Substance Use Services, the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) in
10 nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to provide grant funds to counties to
11 allow local judicially managed accountability and recovery courts to obtain vocational
12 rehabilitation training for individuals assigned to a local judicially managed accountability and
13 recovery court. Training obtained for individuals under this section shall be provided by a North
14 Carolina community college, and grant funds received pursuant to this section may also be used
15 to provide transportation to these trainings.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** The grant funds distributed pursuant to this section shall be
17 distributed through a competitive grant program developed and managed by the Department of
18 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
19 Substance Use Services. No county may receive grant funds distributed pursuant to this section
20 in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in a single fiscal year.

21 **SECTION 2.** Within 60 days of distributing a grant pursuant to this act, the
22 Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight
23 Committee on Health and Human Services the county receiving the grant and the amount of
24 funds awarded.

25 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, funds
26 appropriated and distributed pursuant to this act shall not revert until June 30, 2026.

27 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2024.

