

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025**

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**SENATE BILL 176
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 5/6/25**

Short Title: Let Mitchell Co, NC Sign MOU with Unicoi Co.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 27, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MITCHELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO
3 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNICOI COUNTY,
4 TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL
5 OPERATIONS MISSIONS AND COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
6 ACROSS STATE LINES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Mitchell
9 County Sheriff's Office may enter into memorandums of understanding with the Unicoi County,
10 Tennessee, Sheriff's Office to engage across state lines in law enforcement special operations
11 missions and cooperative law enforcement actions.

12 **SECTION 1.(b)** Any memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this
13 section shall specify the manner in which liability claims for damage to persons or property as a
14 result of law enforcement special operations missions and cooperative law enforcement actions
15 will be shared or assigned. While ensuring public safety, each memorandum of understanding
16 shall limit to the greatest extent possible the liability of Mitchell County and the State.

17 **SECTION 2.** No later than November 1 of each year, any memorandum of
18 understanding entered into that year pursuant to this act shall be reported to the Department of
19 Justice.

20 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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