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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
Senate Bill 257

AMENDMENT NO. **A33**

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Representative Morey

1 moves to amend the bill on page 332, lines 46, through page 333, line 2, by rewriting the lines to  
2 read:

3       "(1) Chief Complex Family Financial Court Judge. – A Complex Family Financial  
4 Court Judge designated by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme  
5 Court as provided for in G.S. 7A-52(a)(8) who determines which cases are  
6 designated as complex family financial cases, assigns all cases designated as  
7 complex family financial cases, and prepares any required reports in addition  
8 to conducting hearings and entering orders in their assigned complex family  
9 financial cases."; and

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11 on page 333, lines 8-10, by rewriting the lines to read:

12       "(3) Complex Family Financial Court Judge. – An emergency district court judge  
13 appointed pursuant to G.S. 7A-52(a)(8) to hear and enter orders in complex  
14 family financial cases filed in district court."; and

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16 on page 333, lines 15-16, by inserting between the lines the following:

17       "(1a) Emergency district court judge appointed pursuant to G.S. 7A-52(a)(8)."; and

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19 on page 335, line 48, through page 336, line 29, by rewriting the lines to read:

20       "**SECTION 16.16B.(b)** G.S. 7A-52(a) reads as rewritten:

21       "(a) Judges of the district court and judges of the superior court who have not reached the  
22 mandatory retirement age specified in G.S. 7A-40.1 and G.S. 7A-140.1, respectively, but who  
23 have retired under the provisions of G.S. 7A-51, or under the Uniform Judicial Retirement Act  
24 after having completed five years of creditable service, may apply as provided in G.S. 7A-53 to  
25 become emergency judges of the court from which they retired. From the commissioned  
26 emergency district, superior, and special superior court judges, the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
27 Court shall create two lists of active emergency judges and two lists of inactive emergency  
28 judges. For emergency superior and special superior court judges, the active list shall be limited  
29 to a combined total of 10 emergency judges; all other emergency superior and special superior  
30 court judges shall be on an inactive list. For emergency district court judges, the active list shall  
31 be limited to 25 emergency judges; all other emergency district court judges shall be on an  
32 inactive list. There is no limit to the number of emergency judges on either inactive list. In the



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1 Chief Justice's discretion, emergency judges may be added or removed from their respective  
2 active and inactive lists, as long as the respective numerical limits on the active lists are observed.  
3 The Chief Justice is requested to consider geographical distribution in assigning emergency  
4 judges to an active list but may utilize any factor in determining which emergency judges are  
5 assigned to an active list. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may order any emergency  
6 district, superior, or special superior court judge on an active list who, in the Chief Justice's  
7 opinion, is competent to perform the duties of a judge and to hold regular or special sessions of  
8 the court from which the judge retired, as needed. Order of assignment shall be in writing and  
9 entered upon the minutes of the court to which the emergency judge is assigned. An emergency  
10 judge shall only be assigned in the event of a:

- 11 (1) Death of a sitting judge.
- 12 (2) Disability or medical leave of absence of a sitting judge.
- 13 (3) Recall to active military duty of a sitting judge.
- 14 (4) Retirement or removal of a sitting judge.
- 15 (5) Court case-management emergency or disaster declaration made pursuant to  
16 G.S. 166A-19.3(3).
- 17 (6) Assignment by the Chief Justice of a Rule 2.1 exceptional case to an  
18 emergency judge.
- 19 (7) Court coverage need created by holdover sessions, administrative  
20 responsibilities of the chief district court judge, or cases in which a judge has  
21 a conflict or judicial educational responsibilities.
- 22 (8) Court coverage need created by the designation, hearing, or disposition of  
23 complex family financial cases pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 50 of the  
24 General Statutes."; and  
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26 on page 340, lines 20-21, by inserting between the lines the following:

27 **"FUNDING MODIFICATION FOR COMPLEX FAMILY FINANCIAL CASES**

28 **SECTION 16.16C.** Notwithstanding any provision of law or the Committee Report  
29 described in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, funds appropriated to the Administrative  
30 Office of the Courts, Trial Courts Budget Fund 100064, for Complex Family Financial Cases are  
31 decreased by the sum of three hundred forty-six thousand four hundred fifty-four dollars  
32 (\$346,454) in recurring funds in each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium."; and  
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34 by adjusting appropriate totals accordingly.

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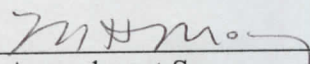
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