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Senator Mohammed

moves to amend the bill on page 16, lines 47-48, by inserting between the lines the following:

**"SUPPORT CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**SECTION 8F.(a)** NCInnovation shall transfer back to the State, after consultation with, and in conformity with direction received from, the State Controller, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000). The State Controller shall facilitate the transfer of funds from NCInnovation pursuant to this section and shall deposit the funds into the NCInnovation Reserve established in Section 2.2(k) of S.L. 2023-134.

**SECTION 8F.(b)** There is appropriated from the NCInnovation Reserve established in Section 2.2(k) of S.L. 2023-134 to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used for each of the following purposes:

- (1) The provision of annual training for all magistrates on mental health law, involuntary commitment procedures, and decision-making regarding the setting of pretrial release conditions.
- (2) The creation of a continually operating tele-consultation service allowing magistrates to consult licensed mental health professionals regarding civil and criminal proceedings involving mental health crises.

**SECTION 8F.(c)** The funds appropriated by this section shall not revert on June 30, 2026, but shall remain available to DMH/DD/SUS until June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 8F.(d)** G.S. 7A-177 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 7A-177. Training course in duties of magistrate.**

(a) Within six months of taking the oath of office as a magistrate for the first time, a magistrate is required to attend and satisfactorily complete a course of basic training of at least 40 hours in the civil and criminal duties of a magistrate. At a minimum, this course shall include training on mental health law, involuntary commitment procedures, and decision-making regarding the setting of conditions of pretrial release. The Administrative Office of the Courts is authorized to contract with the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or with any other qualified educational organization to conduct this training, and to reimburse magistrates for travel and subsistence expenses incurred in taking such training.

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(b1) Except for the calendar year in which a magistrate completes the course of basic training referenced in subsection (a) of this section, every magistrate shall annually and satisfactorily complete a course of in-service training consisting of at least 12 hours in the civil and criminal duties of a magistrate, including, but not limited to, the following subjects:

(1) Setting conditions of pretrial ~~release~~.release, including a discussion of the decision-making process for setting conditions of pretrial release.

(1a) Mental health law.

(1b) Involuntary commitment procedures.

(2) Impaired driving laws.

(3) Issuing criminal processes.

(4) Issuing search warrants.

(5) Technology.

(6) Orders of protection.

(7) Summary ejectment laws.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is authorized to conduct the training required by this subsection or contract with the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or with any other qualified educational organization to conduct this training. The training may be conducted in person or online. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall adopt policies for the implementation of this subsection."

**SECTION 8F.(e)** Subsection (d) of this section becomes effective January 1, 2026, and applies to training occurring on or after that date. The remainder of this section is effective when this act becomes law."

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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