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Senator Everitt

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

"CREATION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SURGE FUND

SECTION 8B.(a) Subpart A of Part 4 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143B-909. Law Enforcement Surge Fund.

(a) Creation. – The Law Enforcement Surge Fund is established as a nonreverting special fund in the Department of Public Safety.

(b) Source of Funds. – The Law Enforcement Surge Fund shall consist of proceeds from any gifts, grants, or contributions to the State that are specifically designated for inclusion in the Fund, appropriations made to it by the General Assembly, and interest accrued to it.

(c) Utilization of Funds. – The Department of Public Safety is authorized to utilize funds in the Law Enforcement Surge Fund to distribute grants to North Carolina sheriffs' offices and municipal police departments located in cities or counties with violent crime rates exceeding the State average. These funds may be used by grant recipients for either of the following purposes:

- (1) Providing hiring and retention bonuses to sworn law enforcement officers.
- (2) Creating violent crime task forces.

(d) The Department of Public Safety may use from the Fund up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each fiscal year for costs associated with administering the Fund.

(e) Eligibility and Fund Allocations. – The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules for determining eligibility for, and allocations of, Law Enforcement Surge Fund distributions. These rules shall, at a minimum, require the following:

- (1) That an application for funds from the Law Enforcement Surge Fund be signed by a sheriff or sheriff's designee or a municipal chief of police or chief's designee.
- (2) That applicants for funds from the Law Enforcement Surge Fund submit an application that includes, at a minimum, each of the following:
 - a. Detailed information regarding the violent crime rates within the jurisdiction of the sheriff or chief of police.
 - b. A detailed plan of how funds will be utilized to achieve the purposes set out in subsection (c) of this section.



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(f) Consistent with the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall have sole discretion for determining eligibility for funds from the Law Enforcement Surge Fund pursuant to this section and for awarding those funds."

SECTION 8B.(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve for the award of opportunity scholarship grants pursuant to Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium are reduced by the sum of forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) in recurring funds.

SECTION 8B.(c) G.S. 115C-562.8 reads as rewritten:
"§ 115C-562.8. The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve.

...
(b) ~~The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide an increase of funds for 15 years to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there~~ There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
...	
2027-2028	\$700,000,000 \$660,000,000
2028-2029	\$725,000,000 \$685,000,000
2029-2030	\$750,000,000 \$710,000,000
2030-2031	\$775,000,000 \$735,000,000
2031-2032	\$800,000,000 \$760,000,000

For the 2032-2033 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the sum of ~~eight hundred twenty five million dollars (\$825,000,000)~~seven hundred eighty-five million dollars (\$785,000,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount specified in this subsection for that fiscal year.

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SECTION 8B.(d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Surge Fund the sum of forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used for the purposes of that fund.

SUPPORT CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

SECTION 8C.(a) NCInnovation shall transfer back to the State, after consultation with, and in conformity with direction received from, the State Controller, the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000). 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 8C.(b) There is appropriated from the NCInnovation Reserve established in Section 2.2(k) of S.L. 2023-134 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (DMH/DD/SUS), the

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1 sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year
2 to be used for each of the following purposes:

- 3 (1) The expansion of crisis intervention training (CIT) for all law enforcement
4 officers statewide.
- 5 (2) The creation of five regional mental health courts for civil mental health
6 hearings.
- 7 (3) The expansion of the number of available inpatient psychiatric treatment staff
8 designated for individuals charged with violent crime.

9 **SECTION 8C.(c)** The funds appropriated by this section shall not revert on June 30,
10 2026, but shall remain available to DMH/DD/SUS until June 30, 2027.

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12 **INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT SERVICES FUNDING**

13 **SECTION 8D.(a)** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to
14 the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) the sum of fifty million dollars
15 (\$50,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used for purposes consistent
16 with this section.

17 **SECTION 8D.(b)** Purpose. – The purpose of this section is to provide more
18 extensive and higher-quality mental health services to individuals subject to an involuntary
19 commitment order (IVC), and to reduce the burden on law enforcement and judicial officials as
20 they handle IVC cases by (i) increasing the number of IVC facilities in the State, (ii) providing
21 support for increased staffing at IVC facilities, and (iii) strengthening the outpatient treatment
22 recommendations from mental health treatment providers at IVC facilities to individuals subject
23 to an IVC order.

24 **SECTION 8D.(c)** Allocation Discretion. – The Department shall allocate funds
25 appropriated by this section in a manner that the Department determines is most likely to (i)
26 accomplish the purposes outlined in subsection (b) of this section and (ii) increase the provision,
27 effectiveness, and efficiency of IVC services required under Parts 6, 7, and 8 of Article 5 of
28 Chapter 122C of the General Statutes.

29 **SECTION 8D.(d)** Eligible Uses. – Funds appropriated by subsection (a) of this
30 section shall be used by the Department for the following purposes:

- 31 (1) To create a minimum of three and a maximum of five new IVC facilities in
32 the State. When choosing locations for IVC facilities, the Department shall
33 consider the needs of law enforcement and judicial officials and shall
34 prioritize sites that reduce the travel distance for law enforcement handling
35 IVC cases. For purposes of this subdivision, "IVC facility" means a facility
36 subject to Parts 6, 7, or 8 of Article 5 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes.
- 37 (2) To ensure that every IVC facility created by subdivision (1) of this subsection
38 (i) provides patient intake services 24 hours per day and (ii) provides a
39 "step-down" plan for each patient admitted to the facility under an IVC order
40 prior to the patient's discharge from the facility. For purposes of this
41 subdivision a "step-down plan" shall include resources for outpatient therapy,
42 medication management, housing support, peer support, and any other
43 relevant services as determined by the Department.

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SECTION 8D.(e) Report. – No later than December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on data relevant to analysis of the implementation of this section as it relates to the provision of IVC-related services in the State.

SECTION 8D.(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve for the award of opportunity scholarship grants pursuant to Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium are reduced by the sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in recurring funds.

SECTION 8D.(g) G.S. 115C-562.8, as amended by Section 8B.(c) of this act, reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-562.8. The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve.

...

(b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
...	
2027-2028	\$660,000,000 <u>\$610,000,000</u>
2028-2029	\$685,000,000 <u>\$635,000,000</u>
2029-2030	\$710,000,000 <u>\$660,000,000</u>
2030-2031	\$735,000,000 <u>\$685,000,000</u>
2031-2032	\$760,000,000 <u>\$710,000,000</u>

For the 2032-2033 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the sum of seven hundred ~~eighty-five~~thirty-five million dollars (~~\$785,000,000~~)(\$735,000,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount specified in this subsection for that fiscal year.

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by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED _____
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