



SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 19.10: Limit Use of Community Programs

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Sec 19.10 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) creates limitations on the use of community program contract funds by the Department of Public Safety (the Department.) This section provides that funds appropriated to the Department for community program contracts, that are not required for or used for community program contracts, cannot be used for staffing, operations, or maintenance, and can only be used for the following:

- Other statewide residential programs that provide Level 2 intermediate dispositional alternatives for juveniles.
- Statewide community programs that provide Level 2 intermediate dispositional alternatives for juveniles.
- Regional programs that are collaboratives of two or more Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils which provide Level 2 intermediate dispositional alternatives for juveniles.
- The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funds to be used for the Level 2 intermediate dispositional alternatives for juveniles listed in G.S. 7B-2506(13) through (23).

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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