

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 174

Short Title: Funds to Help Those Struggling with Addiction. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stevens and Elmore (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 1, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO
3 BE GIVEN AS GRANT FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THOSE STRUGGLING
4 WITH DRUG ADDICTION IN WILKES COUNTY AND SURRY COUNTY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Public Safety the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds for
8 both fiscal years of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be allocated as follows:

- 9 (1) \$500,000 to be used as a grant for Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc., to
10 maintain and support the R3 Recovery Community Center in North
11 Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
12 (2) \$500,000 to be used as a grant for Partners Health Management, a North
13 Carolina Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization
14 (LME/MCO) to support the Early Diversion Program it has developed in
15 collaboration with PQA Healthcare, Inc., serving nonviolent misdemeanants
16 in need of mental health and substance use screening, evaluation, and
17 treatment.

18 **SECTION 2.** Report. – The Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with Wilkes
19 Recovery Revolution, Inc., and Partners Health Management, shall report on the use of funds
20 appropriated in this act to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
21 of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly upon its reconvening.

22 **SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

