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HOUSE BILL 1786

Short Title: Assistance to Families of Inmates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; Bridgeman, Cunningham, Earle, Easterling, and Adams.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILIES OF
STATE INMATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 148-2(c), the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) shall be allocated from the cash balance in the Correction Inmate Welfare Fund at the beginning of the 2000-2001 fiscal year to the Department of Correction to provide one certified counselor and associated operating expenses for Energy for Committed Offenders (ECO), a nonprofit corporation providing (i) counseling and outreach services to families of State inmates in Mecklenburg County, including counseling during court hearings, counseling services for the children of inmates, weekly family counseling, and assisting families in obtaining community resources; and (ii) cognitive-based parenting classes for inmates at Charlotte Correctional Center.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.