



Keeping communities safe by responding to disasters, training and deploying law enforcement and operating effective prisons

Fighting Opioid Addiction

Provides \$2 million per year for the Governor's Crime Commission to provide grants to assist local law enforcement efforts to combat opioid abuse. Prescription drug abuse is one of the leading causes of accidental death in North Carolina, and treatment is part of the solution. In addition to this funding, the HHS section of the budget directs \$12.7 million in community mental health funding to address the opioid crisis.

Retaining Quality Law Enforcement with Professional Pay

Acknowledges the risks faced by public safety staff by providing step salary increases for eligible State Troopers, market-based salary adjustments for SBI and ALE agents, and continued use of an updated salary schedule for prison custody staff. Also increases tuition assistance for the North Carolina National Guard.

Keeping Kids Out of Crime

Provides \$2 million to local, evidence-based intervention initiatives to reduce juvenile crime. Expands alternative treatment options and increases funding for local Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. Also provides \$13.2 million and operating funds to construct a new youth development center that supports proposed "Raise the Age" legislation.

Supporting Quick and Accurate Evidence Analysis

Reinforces improvement in the State Crime Lab by investing \$1.8 million in core operations, including replacement of outdated scientific equipment.

Training Criminal Justice Professionals

Provides for new training for law enforcement officers to de-escalate violent situations and use best practices when working with individuals suffering from mental illness. Covers operational costs for renovations at Samarqand Training Academy, which offers professional training for adult correctional officers, probation/parole officers, and juvenile justice staff.

Reducing Repeat Offenses

Builds on Justice Reinvestment implementation strategies to promote successful re-entry and reduce recidivism by investing just under \$13 million to address offenders' behavioral health needs, to support targeted pre-release programs and placement of probation and parole officers at re-entry prisons, and to invest in local re-entry councils that coordinate community-based services.

Improving Disaster Readiness

Supports statewide urban search and rescue training and equipment needs by providing \$2 million in funding to improve specialized search and rescue operations during regional and statewide disaster events.