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SENATE BILL DRS45550-NQa-32

Short Title: Mutual Aid/Tribal Police & Sheriff's Offices. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Corbin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING TRIBAL POLICE CHIEFS TO ENTER INTO MUTUAL AID
3 AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE STATE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-288 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 160A-288. Cooperation between law enforcement agencies.

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8 (b) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Head" means any director or chief officer of a law enforcement agency
10 including the chief of police of a local department, chief of police of a county
11 police department, ~~and the sheriff of a county,~~ and chief of a tribal
12 police department, or an officer of one of the above named agencies to whom
13 the head of that agency has delegated authority to make or grant requests under
14 this section, but only one officer in the agency shall have this delegated
15 authority at any time.

16 (2) "Law enforcement agency" or "agency" means a municipal police department,
17 a county police department, ~~or a sheriff's office of this State,~~ State, or any tribal
18 police department described in G.S. 1E-11. Subject to G.S. 15A-403, it also
19 includes a municipal police department, a county police department, or a
20 sheriff's office of another state if the laws of the other state allow for the
21 provision of mutual aid with out-of-state law enforcement officers. All other
22 State and local agencies are exempted from the provisions of this section.

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24 SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Public Safety the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027
26 fiscal year to assist with administering the requirements of this act.

27 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

