

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1023

Short Title: Funds/Establishing Safe Cultures Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clemmons, Quick, and Hardister (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 25, 2022

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE PRESTIGE EMPOWERMENT GROUP TO
3 FUND THE ESTABLISHING SAFE CULTURES PROGRAM.

4 Whereas, the rates of gun violence and homicide are increasing rapidly across the
5 country and the City of Greensboro is not immune to this phenomenon; and

6 Whereas, unfortunately, minority teens and young adults often resort to gun violence
7 in the City of Greensboro. Studies suggest that young people turn to acts of violence for a
8 multitude of reasons with one of the most prevalent being that they are merely reflecting the
9 violent nature of their society as a whole; and

10 Whereas, to counter some of the contributing factors to this culture of violence in the
11 City of Greensboro, the Prestige Empowerment Group has designed a community-based
12 program, known as "Establishing Safe Cultures," to offer alternatives to the existing negative
13 influences in our society by focusing on positive reinforcements; and

14 Whereas, the Establishing Safe Cultures program will provide young people with
15 constructive actions to lessen gun violence rather than lecture them on their negative behaviors;
16 Now, therefore,

17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
19 Budget and Management the sum of one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$126,000) in
20 nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Prestige
21 Empowerment Group, a nonprofit corporation, to fund the "Establishing Safe Cultures" program
22 to help lessen the incidents of gun violence among the youth in the City of Greensboro.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

