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Per our conversation earlier this morning, here is the email from bill drafting.

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Representative Jones,

Please see attached the bill draft you requested regarding the creation of a Domestic Violence Prevention Pilot Program(s) in one or more judicial districts. There are still a few decisions that would need to be made to complete the draft, mainly which judicial district(s) you would like to take part in a pilot program and how much money you would like to appropriate, in total, for the pilot program(s). I have listed out below more questions that have also arisen throughout the drafting process of this bill.

1. While I know that your original statutory language appropriated federal Coronavirus funds for this expenditure, I have been given guidance that it is possible that this pilot program may not qualify as an allowable expenditure under the CARES Act. Further, the funds in the CARES Act would need to be spent by December 30, 2020. With that said, would you prefer that the appropriations in this bill be from the State General Fund instead? If the use of federal funds is kept in the bill, since the funds need to be spent by December 30 of this year, we also may want to consider whether a 2022 reporting requirement is too far in the future, but, we can of course keep that 2022 language if that is what you prefer.

2. Since the funds would be given as a grant to Caitlyn's Courage, where they would be asked to create an implementation team of many possible state employees – judges, district attorneys, etc. – and they would be asked to maintain a 24-hour monitoring center, it is also possible to appropriate these funds to the

Administrative Office of the Courts to manage these directives and to direct that they work with Caitlyn's Courage to implement this act?

3. Section 2 of the requested statutory language, which describes the required specifications for the electronic monitoring equipment, is very specific; it is possible that there will not be any vendor that can meet these specifications, or that if these specifications can be met, they at least may limit the options of Caitlyn's Courage in choosing a vendor. If the use of federal funds is kept in the draft, Caitlyn's Courage would need to be certain that they had a vendor that met these specifications that they could purchase the equipment from by the December 30, 2020, CARES Act spend date.

4. Lastly, would the East Carolina University Department of Criminal Justice be expected to assist or take part in the implementation of this pilot program? If not, would their role in taking part in the reporting requirement be to provide an outside review or audit of the performance of Caitlyn's Courage in implementing the pilot program? I want to be sure we have language that appropriately identifies their role in this process, as you see it.

Thank you for your time in reviewing these questions, Representative Jones. I look forward to drafting a bill that most closely matches what you are looking for.

Best,
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