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HOUSE BILL 1136

Short Title: Mother/Child Block Grant Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Duncan; and Colton.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTHY MOTHERS AND HEALTHY CHILDREN
BLOCK GRANTS TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. In order to give counties flexibility to address the specific problems in their area, of maternal, infant, and childhood mortality and morbidity, the Secretary of Human Resources is authorized to consolidate into block grants, federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funds and State funds appropriated by the General Assembly to local health departments for these purposes. Counties shall submit plans to the Department which outline the use of such funds and specify which services will be provided to address the above and improve the health of children and mothers.

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funding for counties pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall in no event result in any county receiving a lower amount of funding for such purposes than was received by the county in fiscal year 1988-89, subject to the availability of funds. In such case, counties will receive an amount of available funds equal to their percentage of the 1988-89 funding level.

Sec. 3. Family planning services provided by local health departments shall be continued at their fiscal year 1988-89 service level. In the event of federal or State reductions for maternal and child health care services, family planning service shall not be subject to reductions greater than another maternal or child health program.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.