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HOUSE BILL 1906

Short Title: Maternity Care Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Duncan.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
2 RESOURCES TO INCREASE PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT FOR
3 MATERNITY CARE FOR POOR WOMEN.
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5 Whereas, family practitioners and obstetricians who provide maternity care to
6 Medicaid women are currently paid fifty-four percent (54%) of their average charge;
7 and

8 Whereas, growing malpractice insurance costs continue to reduce the
9 availability of prenatal and delivery services throughout the State; and

10 Whereas, the active involvement of family practitioners and obstetricians in
11 providing maternal care to Medicaid women is critical to solving North Carolina's rising
12 infant mortality problem; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
15 Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of \$2,380,360 for the 1989-
16 90 fiscal year and the sum of \$3,332,504 for the 1990-91 fiscal year, for the State's
17 share of increasing physician reimbursement for maternity care services effective
18 October 1, 1989.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.