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HOUSE BILL 1980

Short Title: Blind, Disabled, and Day Care Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cunningham.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 11, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INSURE THE PROVISION OF
2 SERVICES TO THE AGED, BLIND, AND DISABLED, AND OF DAY CARE TO
3 CHILDREN OF LOW-INCOME PARENTS.
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5 Whereas, there is a shortage of child care programs that support employment
6 for low-income parents and of services for the aged, blind, and disabled in North
7 Carolina; and

8 Whereas, approximately 10,000 children of low-income parents across North
9 Carolina remain on county departments of social services' waiting lists because of lack
10 of funds to purchase essential day care for them; and

11 Whereas, these needs keep our citizens in poverty and create new generations
12 of citizens who cannot obtain employment and thereby become tax-paying citizens; and

13 Whereas, these needs should be met before the 1989 General Assembly
14 appropriates funds for cultural, historical and recreational programs; Now, therefore,
15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any
17 appropriations bills enacted, the Director of the Budget shall not allocate or disburse any
18 funds for the 1989-90 fiscal year for museums, historical and cultural sites and events,
19 recreational projects, and theatres until Sections 2 and 3 of this act have been ratified.

20 Sec. 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Resources
21 \$21,000,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year to be used for the purchase of day care slots for
22 children determined by the county departments of social services to be eligible for day
23 care. Funds received by county departments of social services under this act may be
24 used only to purchase day care slots for eligible children and may not be used for any

1 other purpose. This appropriation shall be come part of the Department of Human
2 Resources' continuation budget.

3 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.