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SENATE BILL 1308*

Short Title: UNC Allied Health Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Ward.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
CAROLINA ALLIED HEALTH PLAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one million seven hundred twenty-seven five hundred dollars (\$1,727,500) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to implement the first phase of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Allied Health Plan "Methods to Increase the Number of Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists and Related Paraprofessionals Graduating from the North Carolina Public Universities and Community Colleges." These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$837,500 for university training programs for occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech and language pathologists to increase the number of faculty positions at specific programs thereby increasing the number of student enrollees. The funds shall be allocated according to the AHEC plan.
- (2) \$438,850 to the Department of Community Colleges to provide incentive and recruitment funds for faculty positions in occupational and physical therapy. The funds shall be used to supplement salaries for those faculty that are difficult to recruit and retain in a competitive marketplace.
- (3) \$440,000 to the AHEC Program of the University of North Carolina to employ allied health career coordinators to recruit students into the

1 allied health professions training programs statewide. These recruits
2 shall emphasize the recruitment of minority students. The funds may
3 also be used by AHEC to collect data and measure the progress of the
4 allied health professionals effort.

5 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.