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SENATE BILL 1370

Short Title: UNC Gerontology Inst. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue; Cochrane, Edwards, Gunter, Lee, Richardson, Smith, Soles, and Walker.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PLANNING FOR THE INSTITUTE
2 CONSORTIUM OF GERONTOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
3 CAROLINA.
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5 Whereas, between 1980 and 2010, the population of older adults in this State
6 will have doubled to over 1.1 million; and

7 Whereas, older adults currently comprise the fastest growing segment of our
8 population, ranking North Carolina 10th in the United States in the growth of the older
9 adult population; and

10 Whereas, the rate of increase in the population 85 and older is even more
11 striking, growing through the 1990s at a rate of 65.5%; and

12 Whereas, the 85 plus population is expected to reach 160,000 by 2010; and

13 Whereas, it is the 85 plus population that experience the highest rates of
14 physical and health impairments that result in needs for health, personal care, and other
15 supportive services and that are the largest group using both group home and
16 community-based care; and

17 Whereas, these dramatic changes in the demographic profile of North
18 Carolina will have direct impact on the State's health and human services systems; and

19 Whereas, it is vital that the research and teaching in the whole area of
20 gerontology be emphasized as the State prepares to meet the 21st Century; Now,
21 therefore,

22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
2 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one hundred thousand
3 dollars (\$100,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the Gerontology Planning
4 Committee's plan for implementing an Institute of Gerontology at the University of
5 North Carolina at Chapel Hill and for its beginning outline of a plan for developing a
6 statewide gerontology consortium linked to the Institute at the University of North
7 Carolina at Chapel Hill that will include arrangements for the participation of other
8 institutions of The University of North Carolina, independent colleges and universities,
9 and the community college system.

10 The Gerontology Planning Committee shall, in addition to its current
11 membership, include greater representation from within the campus of the University of
12 North Carolina at Chapel Hill, other institutions of The University of North Carolina,
13 independent colleges in North Carolina, private and public agencies, corporations, and
14 older consumers.

15 The planning process shall include reviewing other material institutes and
16 centers that can serve as models, such as those at the University of Michigan and the
17 University of Southern California, surveying current gerontological offerings in higher
18 education in North Carolina, and considering any other matters the Committee considers
19 necessary.

20 The Gerontology Planning Committee shall complete the plan for
21 implementing the Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by March
22 15, 1995. The planning for a statewide gerontology consortium shall be ongoing.

23 The Board of Governors shall report the plan for implementing the Institute at
24 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to the 1995 General Assembly by May
25 15, 1995, and shall report at that same time on the ongoing planning for the statewide
26 gerontology consortium.

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