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HOUSE BILL 101
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Short Title: Meck. Teen Preg. Prev. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lemmond; Alexander and Easterling.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 14, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MECKLENBURG'S "MARYLAND
2 CAMPAIGN FOR OUR CHILDREN", A MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE
3 ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY BY THE YEAR 2000 TO EFFECT SHORT-TERM
4 AND LONG-TERM CRIME PREVENTION.
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6 Whereas, the relationship between the increasing incidence of adolescent
7 pregnancy and the increasing incidence of violent crime, which is in increasingly large
8 part related to the inability of families headed by parents who were children themselves
9 when they had children to raise these children to be responsible and productive
10 members of society, is clear; and

11 Whereas, adolescent pregnancy costs North Carolina's taxpayers
12 approximately \$30,000,000 per year; and

13 Whereas, the "Maryland Campaign For Our Children" is a unified media
14 campaign, designed to reduce adolescent pregnancy by 50% by the year 2000,
15 emphasizes abstinence as part of its crucial message on adolescent pregnancy
16 prevention; and

17 Whereas, the "Maryland Campaign For Our Children", is a proven success in
18 the areas in which it has been used; and

19 Whereas, the "Maryland Campaign For Our Children" has been approved by
20 the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School
21 Board; and

22 Whereas, the City of Charlotte had agreed to fund all future costs of the
23 "Maryland Campaign For Our Children"; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Mecklenburg
3 Council on Adolescent Pregnancy the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars
4 (\$250,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to provide funds for the "Maryland Campaign
5 For Our Children", a media campaign on adolescent pregnancy prevention that
6 emphasizes abstinence as part of its crucial message, that is designed to reduce
7 adolescent pregnancy by fifty percent (50%) by the year 2000, and that has been
8 approved as a unified plan by the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and the
9 Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board.

10 These funds shall be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by local funds.

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