

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1995

S

1

SENATE BILL 1332

Short Title: Independent Living Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford, Ballance, Carpenter, Cooper, Perdue, Plyler, Speed, Warren; Shaw, Dannelly, Lucas, Forrester, Winner, Martin of Pitt, Albertson, Hoyle, Kerr, Rand, Odom, Hobbs, Conder, Ledbetter, Clark, Jordan, Plexico, Parnell, Sherron, and Soles.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 27, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL
2 INDEPENDENT LIVING REHABILITATION SERVICE OFFICES AND STAFF
3 NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE INDEPENDENT LIVING REHABILITATION
4 PROGRAM TO SERVE ALL THE COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
7 Department of Human Resources, the sum of four million one hundred eighty-seven
8 thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$4,187,835) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to
9 provide start-up costs for the two additional Independent Living Rehabilitation Program
10 Service Offices, in Raleigh and Elizabeth City, funding for staff in underfunded existing
11 offices, funding for purchase of services, and funding for oversight staff at the State level,
12 needed to enable the Independent Living Rehabilitation Program to serve adequately all
13 the counties of North Carolina.

14 The Independent Living Rehabilitation Program began operation in 1985 with
15 two service offices, in Charlotte and Winston-Salem. Eighty-five counties are now
16

1 funded for services through the 14 existing service offices. The two new offices will
2 provide services to the remaining 15 counties and complete the statewide program.

3 The Independent Living Rehabilitation Program provides services to eligible
4 individuals with severe disabilities, which services assist these individuals to manage
5 their own lives better, become more independent, and assume more personal
6 responsibility in their families, homes, and communities.

7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.