

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 575\*

Short Title: Craniofacial Anomalies Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Aldridge; Bonner, Boyd-McIntyre, Cansler, Capps, Clary, Culp, Daughtry, Dedmon, Earle, Fox, Goodwin, R. Hunter, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Jeffus, Luebke, Mercer, Moore, Morris, Mosley, Russell, Saunders, Sutton, Tolson, Warwick, and G. Wilson.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 20, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC AND  
2 TREATMENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH CRANIOFACIAL  
3 ANOMALIES INCLUDING CLEFT LIP/PALATE.  
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5 Whereas, approximately 200 infants are born in North Carolina each year with  
6 craniofacial anomalies including cleft lip/palate; and

7 Whereas, it is critical that prompt and comprehensive diagnostic and treatment  
8 services be provided to these children to maximize their health and development; and

9 Whereas, children who are uninsured or underinsured are generally referred to  
10 the Craniofacial Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

11 Whereas, the Center does not have the financial resources to meet the demand  
12 for these critical services; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
15 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, Division of Maternal and Child Health, the  
16 sum of three hundred forty-three thousand dollars (\$343,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year  
17 to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services for uninsured and

- 1 underinsured children in North Carolina with craniofacial anomalies including cleft  
2 lip/palate.  
3           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.