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**SENATE BILL 1423**

Short Title: Parenting Program Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Ballance, Dalton, Garwood, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Miller, Odom, Phillips, Purcell, Reeves, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, Warren, and Wellons.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 28, 1998

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A PARENTING PROGRAM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to establish and implement an innovative parenting program to assist single parents in completing their education and becoming productive, self-sufficient citizens. Funds shall be used for two demonstration grants to be awarded to two four-year post-secondary educational institutions selected by the Secretary. Grant funds shall be used by grant recipients to provide the following to single parents:

- (1) Support services such as day care, transportation, and family planning;
- (2) Career planning and job preparation;
- (3) Parenting services designed to reduce child abuse and neglect; and
- (4) Resource materials and training sessions for adolescent single parents.

The Department may use up to ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated to administer the grant program.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.