

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1272*

Short Title: Adult Protective Services Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Luebke; Barefoot, Bonner, Buchanan, Clary, Goodwin, Hackney, Insko, Mosley, Oldham, Sutton, and Tolson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE
3 SERVICES AND GUARDIANSHIP.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Health and Human Services the sum of four million five hundred sixty-six thousand fifty-
8 three dollars (\$4,566,053) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of five million nine
9 hundred fifty-five thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$5,955,966) for the 2000-
10 2001 fiscal year to provide county departments of social services with 43 additional
11 social workers to act as guardians for incompetent adults and 110 additional social
12 workers to provide adult protective services.

13 Section 2. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the sum of three hundred fifty
14 thousand dollars (\$350,000) in each fiscal year shall be used to establish a State
15 Protective Services Fund to be used for emergency essential services. These funds may
16 be used to fund a staff attorney position in the Attorney General's Office to provide legal
17 consultation to county attorneys, county departments of social services staff, and Division
18 staff on Adult Protective Services and Guardianship matters.

19 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.