

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**SENATE BILL 834**

Short Title: Funds/Birth Defect Monitoring Prgm.

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Albertson, Ballantine, Cooper, Forrester, Garrou, Hagan, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Metcalf, Perdue, Phillips, Rand, Reeves; Allran, Clodfelter, Dannelly, Gulley, and Warren.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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April 12, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A BIRTH DEFECT MONITORING 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 three hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$325,666) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. These funds shall be used as follows:

- (1) To establish an active and timely Birth Defect Monitoring Program to record the occurrence of birth defects in each region of North Carolina;
- (2) To provide analysis of all birth defect data; and
- (3) To provide dissemination of birth defect data to health care providers, public health personnel, members of the North Carolina General Assembly, and to the general public.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.