

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH30276-LN-210 (03/02)

Short Title: Funds for Child Health Survey (CHAMP). (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Insko.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CHILD HEALTH ASSESSMENT
AND MONITORING PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY
COMMITTEE FOR CHILDHOOD OVERWEIGHT/OBESITY OF THE HEALTH
AND WELLNESS TRUST FUND.

Whereas, The Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (CHAMP)
survey was implemented in January 2005 and is the first survey of its kind in North
Carolina to measure the health characteristics of children ages 0 to 17; and

Whereas, CHAMP is a comprehensive child health survey with questions
pertaining to a wide variety of health-related topics; and

Whereas, CHAMP fills a health information gap in North Carolina as there is
currently no representative child health data available, particularly for children ages
10-12; and

Whereas, by collecting data for young children, CHAMP will contribute to a
seamless health data system for all North Carolina citizens from birth to old age; and

Whereas, CHAMP is one of the largest state-based child health surveys in the
nation, second only to the California Health Interview Survey; and

Whereas, CHAMP provides child health estimates for minority populations;
and

Whereas, CHAMP is highly cost-effective, using the Behavioral Risk Factor
Surveillance System (BRFSS) to screen households with children; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one
hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the
sum of one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal
year. These funds shall be allocated for the Child Health Assessment and Monitoring

- 1 Program (CHAMP) to analyze and understand the prevalence of childhood obesity and
- 2 other significant issues related to chronic disease in North Carolina.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.