

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1570

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

Sponsors: Representatives Insko; Alexander, Faison, Parmon, Wainwright, and Weiss.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 2, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

11 Whereas, CHAMP fills a health information gap in North Carolina as there is
12 currently no representative child health data available, particularly for children ages
13 10-12; and

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

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
24 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one
25 hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the
26 sum of one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal
27 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.