

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE DRH80386-LG-348 (05/04)**

Short Title: East Carolina U./Auditory Learning Ctr Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative McLawhorn.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENABLE DEAF CHILDREN WITH  
COCHLEAR IMPLANTS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP  
SPOKEN LANGUAGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fund a joint project by the Auditory Learning Center and the East Carolina University Health Sciences Division. The purpose of the project would be to enable deaf children with cochlear implants to maximize their potential to develop spoken language. These funds shall be used to: (i) train teachers and therapists across the State to work with deaf preschool-age children with cochlear implants; (ii) provide oral preschool classes to these children; and (iii) coordinate educational planning between the clinical team and the school system.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.