

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1689

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

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn, Warren, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 12, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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