

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1954

Short Title: SPICE Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives L. Allen, Nye, Wright, England (Primary Sponsors);
Ross, Current, Tucker, Insko, Bordsen, Carney, Dickson, Faison,
Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Glazier, Ed Jones, Luebke, Rapp, Underhill,
Wainwright, and Weiss.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 15, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR
3 INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, AS RECOMMENDED BY
4 THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE.

5 Whereas, approximately 200,000 people, or 5% of those hospitalized each
6 year, develop hospital acquired infections; and

7 Whereas, these infections result in approximately 90,000 deaths and \$6.5
8 billion dollars in additional health care costs annually; and

9 Whereas, the Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology
10 (SPICE) provides educational programs for infection control professionals in hospitals
11 and for long-term care personnel, conducts infection control workshops at community
12 hospitals, area health education centers, and other health care facilities in the State,
13 provides investigative and consulting services to health care facilities and professionals,
14 offers instruction at the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at
15 Chapel Hill, and develops and publishes State guidelines for disease control for illnesses
16 such as SARS, Avian Influenza, antibiotic resistant organisms, and bioterrorist and
17 chemical agents, and provides other infection control and epidemiological-related
18 services; and

19 Whereas, high quality infection control programs such as those which SPICE
20 has helped to implement at hospitals and other health care facilities prevent infections,
21 add to patient safety, improve the quality care, and reduce health care costs; and

22 Whereas, expansion of the SPICE program would help ensure that all North
23 Carolina hospitals and health care facilities have high quality infection control programs
24 and would allow SPICE to provide additional collaborative assistance to hospitals as
25 they implement new infection control interventions, conduct on-site infection control
26 rounds, prepare ideal draft infection control policies and make them available on the

1 Internet, and provide hospital infection control in-services on a rotating basis; Now,
2 therefore,

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the School of
5 Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill the sum of six hundred
6 sixty-three thousand dollars (\$663,000) for fiscal year 2006-2007 to be allocated to the
7 Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology.

8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.