

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1251

Short Title: Funds to Reduce Infant Deaths/Preterm Births. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Allran, Dannelly, Lucas, and Malone.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 11, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO SUPPORT
3 HEALTHY BEGINNINGS MINORITY INFANT MORTALITY PROJECTS,
4 AND TO PROVIDE EDUCATION TO WOMEN REGARDING THE
5 PREVENTION OF PRETERM BIRTHS.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of four
10 hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be
11 used to increase the number of Healthy Beginnings Minority Infant Mortality Projects
12 from 14 to 17, to increase funding for each project, to add four new planning projects,
13 and to expand four projects to better address chronic medical conditions before
14 pregnancy occurs.

15 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
16 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one
17 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds
18 shall be used to provide education to women on the benefits of progesterone for those
19 who have had preterm births and to purchase medication for eligible minority and
20 low-income women until the medication becomes readily available through the
21 Medicaid Program.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.