

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 1256**

Short Title: Funds for Interpreter Services. (Public)

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

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 11, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES IN LOCAL  
2 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
6 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of two  
7 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds  
8 shall be used to hire additional qualified interpreters based in local health departments  
9 in the State. In addition, these funds may be used by local health departments to provide  
10 incentives to recruit and hire bilingual providers. The Department shall allocate these  
11 funds to local health departments based on funding criteria as recommended by the  
12 State Health Director in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of Local  
13 Health Directors and the Department of Health and Human Services Hispanic Health  
14 Task Force.

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