GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1368

Short Title:	Funds for Vision Care Training and Svces.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Rand; and Atwater.	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget.	

May 16, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VISION CARE TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one million nine hundred ninety thousand dollars ($1,990,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) $403,000 to the North Carolina Pediatric Society, Inc., to provide education, training, and materials on children's vision screening to primary care physicians.

(2) $1,120,000 to increase funding for Prevent Blindness North Carolina for preschool vision screening in all 100 counties of the State. These funds are in addition to funds appropriated for Prevent Blindness North Carolina for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

(3) $467,000 to contract or otherwise provide professional eye care services to North Carolina counties that do not currently have eye care professionals.

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