

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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SENATE BILL 1982

Short Title: Applications for Public Assistance/English. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Berger of Rockingham; Allran, Brock, Brown, Goodall,
Jacumin, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO
4 PUBLISH APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN THE ENGLISH
5 LANGUAGE ONLY, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REPLACE
6 PUBLICATIONS CURRENTLY PRINTED IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN
7 ENGLISH.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
10 Department of Health and Human Services, County Departments of Social Services,
11 and County or District Health Departments shall not publish applications for public
12 benefits in any other language than the English language.

13 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
14 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)
15 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to reprint applications for social
16 services in the English language only. The Department of Health and Human Services
17 shall allocate funds to local entities that provide applications for public benefits.

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