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Short Title: Funds/Nat'l Kidney Found. Demonstr. Project. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle; Barnhart, England, Faison, Harrison, and Wray.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 10, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL KIDNEY
2 FOUNDATION FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ON CHRONIC KIDNEY
3 DISEASE.
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5 Whereas, late stage chronic kidney disease (CKD) cost the North Carolina
6 Medical Assistance Program over four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) in State
7 funds in the 2006-2007 fiscal year; and

8 Whereas, CKD in its earlier, more treatable and detectable stages has not
9 been fully defined; and

10 Whereas, there is currently no published data estimating the prevalence of
11 CKD in North Carolina; and

12 Whereas, initial estimates based on aggregate data indicated that as many as
13 900,000 North Carolinians may have earlier stage CKD; and

14 Whereas, if undetected, those cases will progress to a later stage and thus
15 increase significantly the cost to the State Medical Assistance Program; Now, therefore,
16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the National
18 Kidney Foundation of North Carolina the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
19 (\$100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to purchase
20 medical claims data to report the prevalence of chronic kidney disease among persons
21 65 years of age and older in North Carolina, to conduct a demonstration project to test
22 the effectiveness of Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) lab values, and to educate
23 physicians and patients about chronic kidney disease. The demonstration project shall
24 be conducted in four sites in the State that are interested in piloting the GFR initiative.
25 The National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina shall report the results of the
26 demonstration project to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on
27 Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and
28 Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public
29 Health, and the Fiscal Research Division not later than May 1, 2008.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.