

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2011

Short Title: Limit Use of Smart Start Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle; Barnhart, Bell, and England.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE NORTH
3 CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., FOR 'MORE AT FOUR'
4 PROGRAMS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-168.15(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) Depending on local, regional, or statewide needs, funds may be used to
8 support activities and services that shall be made available and accessible to providers,
9 children, and families on a voluntary basis. Of the funds allocated to local partnerships
10 for direct services, seventy percent (70%) of the funds spent in each year shall be used
11 in child care related activities and early childhood education programs that improve
12 access to child care and early childhood education services, develop new child care and
13 early childhood education services, and improve the quality of child care and early
14 childhood education services in all settings. However, funds allocated to local
15 partnerships pursuant to this section shall not be used to support 'More At Four'
16 programs in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) statewide on an annual basis."

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