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HOUSE BILL 2245\*

Short Title: Funds for Project Care. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Rapp, Haire, Goforth (Primary Sponsors); Boylan, Faison, Harrison, Insko, and Weiss.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 20, 2008

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
3 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, TO  
4 SUSTAIN AND EXPAND PROJECT C.A.R.E. TO PROVIDE RESPITE CARE  
5 SERVICES FOR DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS.

6 Whereas, Project C.A.R.E. is a national award-winning program of consumer  
7 directed respite care specifically designed for dementia caregivers; and

8 Whereas, the goal of Project C.A.R.E. is to increase quality, access, choice,  
9 and use of respite and support services to rural and minority families caring for a person  
10 with dementia at home or within a hospital setting; and

11 Whereas, Project C.A.R.E. currently serves 14 North Carolina counties; and

12 Whereas, Project C.A.R.E. is primarily funded through the U.S.  
13 Administration on Aging, Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants; and

14 Whereas, federal funding for Project C.A.R.E. will end on June 30, 2008; and

15 Whereas, State funding is needed to sustain current Project C.A.R.E.  
16 programs and to expand this important program to additional counties; and

17 Whereas, The NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature is recommending funding to  
18 sustain and expand Project C.A.R.E.; Now, therefore,  
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
21 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, the  
22 sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These  
23 funds shall be used to substitute for expiring federal funding to sustain Project C.A.R.E.  
24 in 14 counties currently served by this program and to expand Project C.A.R.E. to  
25 additional counties in North Carolina.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.