

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 574  
HOUSE BILL 280

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH SERVICES AND UPGRADING OF PUBLIC HEALTH PERSONNEL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Consolidation and Health Personnel Support Act of 1973".

**Sec. 2.** The General Assembly finds and declares that economic waste and poor quality of services has resulted from the fragmentation of public health provider units and from the inability of some local governmental units to offer competitive salaries to public health personnel. The General Assembly further finds that conversion to larger provider units and upgrading of pay scales for public health personnel is urgently needed in order to provide essential services and procure competent personnel to protect the health of the citizenry. Recognizing that consolidation of providers and rapid upgrading of salaries involves expense beyond the ability of many counties, the General Assembly intends, hereby, to provide the necessary financial support to achieve consolidation and salary upgrading.

**Sec. 3.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the State of North Carolina two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 1973-74 fiscal year to the North Carolina State Board of Health to be used, in its discretion, to offset start-up, change over and other expenses of local units who consolidate, or are required to consolidate, their health services, or who contract for direct State provision of services as provided by law, and to help counties in upgrading the salaries of public health personnel.

**Sec. 4.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of May, 1973.