

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 1257
HOUSE BILL 783

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE GLAUCOMA AND DIABETES DETECTION, AND A DIABETES CONTROL PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A new Article is added to Chapter 130 of the General Statutes to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 30.

"Glaucoma and Diabetes Program.

"§ 130-264. Department of Human Resources to establish program. — The Department of Human Resources, hereinafter referred to as department, shall establish a program for the detection and control of glaucoma and diabetes which would complement and assist existing community resources. This program shall emphasize detection and control among high risk groups. This program shall also assist those persons who are unable to pay for such services, but will not duplicate payment by other existing program.

"§ 130-265. Powers and duties of the department. — The department shall:

- (1) provide for education of health care personnel and patients in the detection, control and treatment of glaucoma and diabetes;
- (2) develop and expand programs for the detection and control of glaucoma and diabetes including insuring uniform high quality of public clinical services, examinations, treatment, laboratory services, follow-up and evaluation services, and educational services;
- (3) provide supplies, equipment, and medication for detection and control of glaucoma and diabetes;
- (4) cooperate with and accept assistance from any group or organization for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Article.

"§ 130-266. Rules and regulations. — The Department of Human Resources shall develop and adopt policies to implement the provisions of this Article."

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the State to the Department of Human Resources the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1978-79 fiscal year for the establishment and conduct of the program which is authorized by this act. These funds are in addition to all funds appropriated to the Department of Human Resources for any purpose.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1978.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of June, 1978.