

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 279

Short Title: Aging Programs Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Perdue; Anderson, Barnes, Blue, Bowman, Buchanan, Edwards, L. Etheridge, Fitch, Hackney, Jack Hunt, Judy Hunt, James, Lineberry, Locks, Redwine, Rogers, R. Thompson, Warren, P. Wilson, Wisner, and Wood.

Referred to: Human Resources.

February 20, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF
2 PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 1095 OF THE 1987 SESSION
3 LAWS.
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5 Whereas, by the year 2000, there will be nearly one million North Carolinians
6 65 years of age and older; and

7 Whereas, the group of older adults needing the most assistance, those of 85
8 years of age and older, is increasing at a rate twice as fast as the group 65 years of age
9 and older; and

10 Whereas, the State of North Carolina spends about five times more on
11 institutional care for the elderly than on community-based care, even though four of
12 every five frail elderly persons live at home, dependent upon family members, church
13 groups, and other informal caregivers; and

14 Whereas, more than 130 older adults, caregivers, providers, and advocates
15 testified at four public hearings held by the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging
16 across the State in February and March 1988, and stressed the urgency of the need for
17 more in-home services, for adequate transportation services, and for more support for
18 family members and other caregivers; and

19 Whereas, North Carolina prior to the enactment of Chapter 1095 of the 1987
20 Session Laws did not have a well coordinated full-service system of in-home and
21 community-based services for the elderly, whether subsidized or fee-supported, nor has

1 the State developed a management system for a full-fledged service system for older
2 adults; and

3 Whereas, the legislation addressed in Chapter 1095 of the 1987 Session
4 Laws, developed as a package, is designed to lead to a more coordinated and more
5 visionary system of in-home and community-based care for older adults, as explained
6 fully in the Report of the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging to the 1989
7 General Assembly; Now, therefore,

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
10 Aging, Department of Human Resources, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)
11 for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the
12 1990-91 fiscal year, to continue the implementation of sections two through eight of
13 Chapter 1095 of the 1987 Session Laws.

14 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.