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HOUSE BILL 296

Short Title: State Maternity Homes Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Hunter, Kennedy, Barnes, Barnhill, Cunningham, Smith;
J. W. Crawford, Mercer, Redwine, and Stamey.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 25, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE MATERNITY HOMES.

Whereas, the three State maternity home programs build on State and local government investments in reducing infant mortality, birth defects, the number of high school dropouts and teen pregnancies, child abuse and neglect, and the cycle of family welfare dependency among single, pregnant mothers and their babies; and

Whereas, these programs offer residential, prenatal care, counseling, and educational programs for single, pregnant, young women who are 10 years of age and older, regardless of whether they choose to keep their babies or give them up for adoption; and

Whereas, these programs are available to all single, pregnant, young women throughout North Carolina, without regard to race or economic status; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of \$250,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year for the State Maternity Home Fund to supplement or expand prenatal care, counseling, and residential care programs at the Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the Christian Life Maternity Home in Raleigh, and the Florence Crittenton Home in Charlotte.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of \$250,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year for the Florence Crittenton Home in Charlotte:

- 1 (1) To establish a residential treatment center for young, single, pregnant
2 women who are substance abusers in order to ensure that their infants
3 are born free of cocaine, alcohol or other substance dependency;
4 (2) To prevent birth defects caused by substance abuse; and
5 (3) To expand the specialized therapeutic program for victims of incest
6 and sexual abuse who are pregnant and between the ages of 10 and 16.
7 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.