

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1349

Short Title: Interdisciplinary Diabetes Program Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Baddour; Bowman, Colton, Griffin, Judy Hunt, Nesbitt, and Warner.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 12, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AN INTERDISCIPLINARY DIABETES
2 PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
3 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.
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5 Whereas, diabetes is second only to hypertensive disease in causing
6 premature death in individuals over 50 years of age. In addition, diabetes can cause
7 major disabilities; and

8 Whereas, diabetes is the second leading cause of blindness in the population;
9 and

10 Whereas, complications in addition to blindness include amputation, kidney
11 disease, and diabetic neuropathy; and

12 Whereas, these problems increase the burden on the health care system and
13 often result in permanent disability. Diabetes can develop in the mother during
14 pregnancy, and this is an important cause of infant mortality and birth defects. The
15 estimated total cost of the problem in North Carolina is \$570 million per year in medical
16 care and lost productivity; and

17 Whereas, there are currently 6.5 million people with diabetes in the United
18 States. This number is expected to double to 13.6 million by the year 2015. The
19 problem is particularly prevalent in North Carolina where 382,000 people are estimated
20 to have diabetes and over 4,700 die each year. North Carolina ranks 16th highest
21 among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in the diabetes death rate per 100,000
22 people. About 72,000 hospitalizations a year in North Carolina are diabetes related; and

1 Whereas, the General Assembly concludes from these findings that the need
2 for a comprehensive interdisciplinary diabetes program is evident; Now, therefore,
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
5 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five hundred seven thousand
6 four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$507,439) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of
7 five hundred seven thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$507,439) for the 1994-
8 95 fiscal year for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine to
9 develop an interdisciplinary diabetes program to provide a comprehensive education,
10 training, and patient care program for the citizens of North Carolina.

11 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.