GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1358*

Short Title: Medicaid/Disabled, Aged, Child/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Richardson, Walker, Harris, Gulley, Hyde; Albertson, Ballance, Carpenter, Conder, Cooper, Edwards, Folger, Forrester, Gunter, Hartsell, Hoyle, Jordan, Lee, Lucas, Marshall, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Odom, Parnell, Perdue, Plexico, Seymour, Sherron, Smith, Tally, Ward, Warren, Winner of Buncombe, and Winner of Mecklenburg.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR THE ELDERLY, THE BLIND, AND THE DISABLED AND FOR CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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- Section 1. (a) Effective January 1, 1995, the Department of Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide medicaid coverage to all elderly, blind, and disabled beneficiaries of the Supplemental Security Income Program, and to all elderly, blind, and disabled persons who meet categorical and resources requirements and whose countable income does not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the federal poverty level.
- (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of twenty-seven million five hundred fifty-six thousand five hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$27,556,539) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to implement subsection (a) of this section.
- Sec. 2. (a) Effective July 1, 1994, the Department of Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid coverage to all children up to the age of 19 who live in families with countable incomes below the federal poverty level.
- (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of two million eight hundred forty-

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six thousand nine hundred ninety-two dollars (\$2,846,992) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to implement subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 3.(a) Effective January 1, 1995, the Department of Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid coverage for all adopted children with special rehabilitative needs without regard to the parent's income and resources.

- (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to implement subsection (a) of this section.
 - Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.