

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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### SENATE BILL 144

Short Title: Teen Pregnancy Prev. Project.

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Sponsors: Senators Winner of Mecklenburg; Martin of Guilford, Cooper, Hoyle, Richardson, Ward, Odom, Tally, Conder, and Gulley.

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Referred to: Juveniles/Prevention.

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February 15, 1994

#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

#### AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, Division of Maternal and Child Health, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to be used for the support of adolescent pregnancy prevention demonstration projects in up to 10 counties where the adolescent pregnancy rate of the county was higher than the State average in 1992 or 1993. Funds appropriated under this act shall be allocated by the Department to local governments, including local boards of education, that apply for the funds and that provide with the application a written plan for implementing adolescent pregnancy prevention initiatives in the community.

(b) The plan submitted by the government entity shall include initiatives or activities that do any of the following:

- 17           (1) Encourage adolescents who are currently abstinent to remain abstinent;
- 18           (2) Encourage sexually active adolescents to prevent pregnancy and to avoid the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases; or
- 19           (3) Discourage adolescent parents from having repeat pregnancies during their adolescent years and provide parenting-skills training to enable them to be better parents.

1        The Department shall award funds to the government entities whose plans  
2 best demonstrate creativity, resourcefulness, and a likelihood of success in reducing  
3 adolescent pregnancy, and that indicate a significant level of local commitment to  
4 achieving desired results.

5        (c) Funds shall be allocated to selected government entities based on the  
6 population of the county being served, such that up to one dollar (\$1.00) of State funds  
7 shall be allocated for every resident of that county.

8        (d) Funds allocated under this act shall be matched dollar-for-dollar with local  
9 funds.

10        (e) The Department shall develop guidelines for the allocation of funds under  
11 this act and shall report the progress of the funded projects to the Joint Legislative  
12 Commission on Governmental Operations by October 1, 1994. The Department may  
13 use up to one percent (1%) of the funds appropriated in this act for administrative costs.

14        Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.