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SENATE BILL 890

Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Adopted 5/12/99

Short Title: Expand Health Care Access.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PILOT
PROJECTS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1.(a) There is established in the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Research and Development, the Health Care Access Pilot Program. The purpose of the Pilot Program is to assist communities in selected areas of the State to improve access to health care by securing the voluntary participation of health care providers and facilities in providing health services to uninsured, low-income persons. The Division of Research and Development shall develop and administer the Pilot Program as follows:

(1) Between six and eight local pilot projects shall be selected to offer health care services, including prescription drugs and devices, to residents of one or more counties served by the project. Residents eligible for these services shall be persons:

- a. Who are not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, or other government subsidized health care program; and
- b. Who are not covered under any health insurance or managed care program providing benefits for health care.

- 1 The local entity administering the pilot project may establish the income
2 eligibility level of residents receiving services under the pilot project.
3 Income eligibility levels shall not exceed two hundred percent (200%)
4 of the federal poverty level.
5 (2) The Division shall award grants to each pilot project that applies for
6 funds and that: