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H 1369. STATE ABORTION FUND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. *TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE STATE ABORTION FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE ABORTION FUND*. Appropriates $1,212,000 for 2001-2002 and $1,212,000 for 2002-2003 from General Fund to Dep't of Health & Human Services. Directs the Social Services Comm'n to adopt rules governing the eligibility of applicants to receive services under the Fund. Provides that eligibility is limited to women whose incomes falls below the federal poverty level, as revised annually, or who are eligible for Medicaid, and who meet at least one of the following criteria: (1) the woman is a victim of rape or incest; (2) the woman is mentally retarded as defined under GS 122C-3; (3) a physician, selected by the woman, has advised that the woman's physical health would likely be impaired by the pregnancy; (4) a physician, selected by the woman, has advised the woman is dangerous to herself or others under GS 122C-3, or that the woman has a severe and persistent mental illness as defined under GS 122C-3, and that the woman's mental health would likely be worsened by the pregnancy; or (5) a physician has determined that a severe fetal anomaly is present. Eligibility may not be based on the applicant's race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, age, or disabling condition. Directs that services must be in accordance with GS 14-45.1 governing when abortion is lawful and with GS 90, art. 1A, part 2 (parental or judicial consent for abortion). Effective July 1, 2001.

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