

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1368

Short Title: Funds for Cost-Efficient Health Care. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright, Nye (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Bordsen, Bowie, Cunningham, Farmer-Butterfield, Gillespie, Glazier, Insko, Parmon, Rapp, Wainwright, and Weiss.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 11, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR GRANTS-IN-AID TO COMMUNITY
3 HEALTH CENTERS, PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FREE CLINICS,
4 AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO
5 HEALTH CARE TO INDIGENT CLIENTS AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE
6 ALTERNATIVE TO MORE COSTLY HEALTH CARE, AS RECOMMENDED
7 BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RISING COST OF HEALTH
8 CARE.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
11 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Research, Demonstrations, and
12 Rural Health Development, the sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for the
13 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated by the Office as grants-in-aid to
14 community health centers, public health departments, free clinics, and other health care
15 facilities that provide access for indigent clients to more cost-efficient health care
16 services. Not later than March 1, 2005, the Department shall report to the House of
17 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and the
18 Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services on the allocation of
19 these funds.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.