

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE BILL 1561\***

Short Title: Osteoporosis Educ. Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko, B. Allen (Primary Sponsors); L. Allen, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Jones, Luebke, McLawhorn, Parmon, Wainwright, Warren, and Weiss.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 20, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION AND  
2 AWARENESS ACTIVITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OSTEOPOROSIS  
3 EDUCATION TASK FORCE.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one hundred fifty thousand  
8 dollars (\$150,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be used as follows:

- 9 (1) Increase public awareness and education about osteoporosis, its  
10 impact, the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate  
11 management, and effective prevention strategies.
- 12 (2) Increase osteoporosis education and outreach to diverse population  
13 groups in North Carolina.
- 14 (3) Increase health and human services professionals' understanding of  
15 osteoporosis, its impact, and the importance of and skill required for  
16 early diagnosis, appropriate management, and effective treatment  
17 strategies.
- 18 (4) Provide access to knowledge on the prevalence, diagnosis, treatment,  
19 and prevention of osteoporosis.
- 20 (5) Improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention abilities of health and  
21 human services professionals.
- 22 (6) Reduce barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis  
23 for all North Carolina citizens.
- 24 (7) Monitor the burden of illness and progress toward preventing  
25 osteoporosis in North Carolina's citizens.
- 26 (8) Evaluate education and awareness as well as efforts to improve  
27 diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis.

- 1           **SECTION 1.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds for  
2 osteoporosis awareness and education be included in the continuation budget.  
3           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.