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HOUSE BILL 1741

Short Title:	Funds/WakeMed Emergency Services Institute.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Miner; B. Allen, Eddins, Munford, Ross, and Weiss.	
Referred to:	Appropriations.	

May 27, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKEMED HEALTH & HOSPITALS, A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, TO ASSIGN IN THE FORMATION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTITUTE, A HOSPITAL-BASED, MEDICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE INSTITUTE.

Whereas, WakeMed Health & Hospitals is a multihospital, private, nonprofit teaching and tertiary health care system based in Wake County; and

Whereas, WakeMed is the State Capital's primary health care emergency responder in the event of a disaster; and

Whereas, WakeMed's emergency volumes are the largest in the county for both adults and children and rank in the top three busiest emergency departments statewide; and

Whereas, WakeMed's New Bern Avenue emergency department is the only State-designated trauma center in Wake County, one of 10 in the State; and

Whereas, the Emergency Services Institute will ensure, as the city's, county's, and seat of government's sole trauma center and only Wake County-based hospital system, that WakeMed is appropriately staffed, trained, equipped, and positioned to address patient care needs arising from natural and man-made incidents in its immediate service area; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to WakeMed Health & Hospitals, Inc., the sum of two million dollars ($2,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to assist in the formation of a hospital-based, medical emergency preparedness and response institute.

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