

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1247**

Short Title: Funds for WakeMed Emergency Svces Institute. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Reeves; Malone and Stevens.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 24, 2004

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKEMED HEALTH & HOSPITALS, A  
3 NONPROFIT CORPORATION, TO ASSIGN IN THE FORMATION OF THE  
4 EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTITUTE, A HOSPITAL-BASED, MEDICAL  
5 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE INSTITUTE.

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

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

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

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

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

20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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