

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS35463-LN-191\* (5/20)**

Short Title: Funds for Interpreter Services.

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Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES IN LOCAL  
3 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL  
4 SERVICES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three  
8 million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to  
9 hire qualified interpreters based in local health departments and local departments of  
10 social services in the State. In addition, these funds may be used by local health  
11 departments and local departments of social services to provide incentives to recruit and  
12 hire bilingual providers. The Department shall allocate these funds to local health  
13 departments and local departments of social services based on funding criteria as  
14 recommended by the State Health Director in conjunction with the North Carolina  
15 Association of Local Health Directors and the Department of Health and Human  
16 Services Hispanic Health Task Force.

17 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and  
18 Human Services in Section 1 of this act, the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand  
19 dollars (\$175,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year shall be used to provide training and  
20 continuing education sessions for interpreters.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.