

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 1154**

Short Title: Funds/Study Deaf/Hard of Hearing Programs. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Nye; Alexander, Faison, Harrison, Luebke, Parmon,  
Pierce, Wainwright, and Womble.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 7, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR BEGINNINGS FOR PARENTS OF  
2 CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING, INC.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
6 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of  
7 ninety thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$90,475) for the 2005-2006 fiscal  
8 year and the sum of ninety-nine thousand five hundred twenty-three dollars (\$99,523)  
9 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to BEGINNINGS For  
10 Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc., to conduct a longitudinal  
11 study to assess the outcomes of the Newborn Hearing Screening and Early Intervention  
12 for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs and to assess the progress of  
13 children who are deaf and hard of hearing as they progress through preschool programs  
14 to kindergarten enrollment.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.