GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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HOUSE DRH60582-LB-285 (01/03)

Short Title: Children's Advocacy Ctr. Funds. (Public)

Representatives Glazier, Bordsen, Earle, and Dickson (Primary Sponsors). Sponsors: Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS 3 TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED AND FOR IN THE 4 INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CHILD SEX ABUSE CASES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the 6 7 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, the sum of seven 8 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated equally among the 15 fully certified Child Advocacy Centers in this State for expanding 9 forensic interviewing capabilities, increasing multidisciplinary team training, 10 developing comprehensive community responses to child abuse, coordinating and 11 tracking investigative, prosecutorial, child protection and treatment efforts in child 12 abuse cases, and providing treatment and preventing trauma to child abuse victims 13 14 otherwise caused by multiple, duplicative contacts with different agencies and 15 professionals.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, the sum of thirty 17 thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated to the 18 Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina, Inc., to bring the National Children's 19 Advocacy Center Forensic Interviewing Academy to North Carolina for two separate 20 training and professional development conferences for professionals involved in the 21 22 investigation and prosecution of child sex abuse cases. One training conference will be in the western region and the other in the eastern region of the State. The money may 23 not be used for administrative purposes and is only for direct costs of the training. 24 25

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.

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