

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE DRH50647-LL-349 (05/16)

Short Title: Foster Homes Assistance Program Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sutton, Yongue, and Pierce (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A MODEL FOSTER
3 HOMES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF
4 INDIAN CHILDREN IN INDIAN FOSTER HOMES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE
5 CULTURAL IDENTITY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one hundred fifty thousand
9 dollars (\$150,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to establish a model Foster Homes
10 Assistance Program in the four-county area serving the Lumbee Tribe to improve the
11 chances that Indian children who become wards of the State are placed in Indian foster
12 homes as a means of preserving the children's cultural identity. The funds shall be used
13 to staff an Office of Tribal Child Protective Services within the Tribal Administration
14 Branch to work with and screen potential foster parents.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.