

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 319\***

Short Title: Osteoporosis Education Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives B. Allen, Insko (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, L. Allen, Carney, Coates, Cunningham, Glazier, Goforth, Goodwin, Harrison, Hunter, Jones, Lucas, McAllister, McLawhorn, Michaux, Nye, Parmon, Ross, Underhill, Weiss, and Womble.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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February 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION AND  
3 AWARENESS ACTIVITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OSTEOPOROSIS  
4 EDUCATION TASK FORCE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of two hundred thousand dollars  
8 (\$200,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. These funds shall be used as follows:

- 9 (1) Increase public awareness and education about osteoporosis, its  
10 impact, the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate  
11 management, and effective prevention strategies.  
12 (2) Increase osteoporosis education and outreach to diverse population  
13 groups in North Carolina.  
14 (3) Increase health and human services professionals' understanding of  
15 osteoporosis, its impact, and the importance of and skill required for  
16 early diagnosis, appropriate management, and effective treatment  
17 strategies.  
18 (4) Provide access to knowledge on the prevalence, diagnosis, treatment,  
19 and prevention of osteoporosis.  
20 (5) Improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention abilities of health and  
21 human services professionals.  
22 (6) Reduce barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis  
23 for all North Carolina citizens.  
24 (7) Monitor the burden of illness and progress toward preventing  
25 osteoporosis in North Carolina's citizens.

1           (8) Evaluate education and awareness as well as efforts to improve  
2           diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis.

3           **SECTION 1.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds for  
4 osteoporosis awareness and education be included in the continuation budget.

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