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HOUSE BILL 408

Short Title: Funds for Health Disparities Initiative. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; Adams, Alexander, B. Allen, Bell, Coleman, Cunningham, Earle, Faison, Glazier, Jeffus, Jones, Lucas, Luebke, McAllister, McLawhorn, Parmon, Pierce, Ross, Wainwright, Warren, Weiss, Womble, and Wray.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 1, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY-FOCUSED ELIMINATING
3 HEALTH DISPARITIES INITIATIVE.
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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 the sum of nine hundred seventy-five
8 thousand dollars (\$975,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of nine hundred
9 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$975,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds
10 shall be allocated for the Community-Focused Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative
11 (CFEHDI) to build capacity of faith-based and community-based organizations to close
12 the gap in health status of African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians
13 as compared to white persons. The areas of focus on health status shall be infant
14 mortality, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, cancer, diabetes, and
15 homicides and motor vehicle deaths. Grants shall be awarded as follows:

- 16 (1) Competitive microdevelopment grants to faith-based and
17 community-based organizations in the amount of seven thousand
18 dollars (\$7,000) to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per grant recipient
19 per fiscal year.
20 (2) Competitive intervention grants to faith-based and community-based
21 organizations in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to
22 forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per grant recipient per fiscal year.

23 These funds shall also be used to support one FTE in the Department of Health and
24 Human Services to monitor, track, and evaluate grantees' progress in meeting
25 performance-based standards and outcomes established by the Department.

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