

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH60070-LN-68 (2/9)

Short Title: Funds for Interpreter Services. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wright.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES IN LOCAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of three million three hundred thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of three million three hundred thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to local health departments to hire qualified interpreters to ensure public health compliance with federal law that requires agencies receiving federal funds to provide language services for Limited English Proficient clients. These funds may also be used to provide incentives for recruiting and hiring bilingual staff and may be used by the Department to support one FTE, Interpretive Services Coordinator position, training interpreters, and continuing education for training facilitators.

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