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SENATE DRS55073-LN-107 (3/2)

Short Title: Funds for El Futuro, Inc.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Atwater.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO BE ALLOCATED AS A GRANT-IN-AID TO EL FUTURO, INC., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AS A PILOT PROJECT IN ORANGE AND CHATHAM COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to El Futuro, Inc., to develop a pilot project to improve access to and quality of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services currently available to the Latino population in Orange and Chatham counties. The Division shall monitor the use of funds and quality of services to ensure best practices in providing direct behavioral health services and to determine if the El Futuro, Inc., pilot project should be replicated in other areas of the State. The Department shall report on the use of these funds not later than March 1, 2006, to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

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