

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 438**

Short Title: Funds for El Futuro, Inc.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Atwater.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 9, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
2 HUMAN SERVICES TO BE ALLOCATED AS A GRANT-IN-AID TO EL  
3 FUTURO, INC., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO PROVIDE  
4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AS A PILOT PROJECT IN ORANGE AND  
5 CHATHAM COUNTIES.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
9 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental  
10 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars  
11 (\$75,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to El Futuro,  
12 Inc., to develop a pilot project to improve access to and quality of mental health,  
13 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services currently available to the  
14 Latino population in Orange and Chatham counties. The Division shall monitor the use  
15 of funds and quality of services to ensure best practices in providing direct behavioral  
16 health services and to determine if the El Futuro, Inc., pilot project should be replicated  
17 in other areas of the State. The Department shall report on the use of these funds not  
18 later than March 1, 2006, to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and  
19 Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health  
20 and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

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