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HOUSE BILL 1553

Short Title: Funds for BERT Initiative/HHS. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Coleman, T. Harrell, Hall, Blue (Primary Sponsors);
Faison, Glazier, Harrison, Lucas, Martin, Ross, Wainwright, Weiss, and
Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 18, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE BASIC EDUCATION RESOURCE
TREATMENT INITIATIVE (BERT).

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 Public Health, the sum of one
million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be
allocated for the Basic Education Resource Treatment (BERT) Initiative to:

- (1) Address the academic and social ills of the HIV/AIDS/STDs at-risk
population;
- (2) Heighten awareness of HIV/AIDS/STDs of the populations at risk for
these diseases;
- (3) Develop and use resources in the community to assist people and their
families who are affected by AIDS;
- (4) Educate, enlighten, and inform women, children, and their families on
the reality of AIDS, debunking the myths that persist about the
disease; and
- (5) Provide services with emphasis on prevention and education on
HIV/AIDS/STDs in North Carolina.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.