

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 1676\***

Short Title: Fund Public Health Improvement Initiatives. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Dannelly, Forrester, McKissick, Queen, Snow, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 20, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT HIGH PRIORITY INITIATIVES WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION.

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 eighty million one hundred thirty-four thousand four hundred thirty-six dollars (\$80,134,436) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Funds appropriated by this act shall be used to supplement and not supplant existing State, federal, county, or other funds allocated for the identified purpose. These funds shall be used to implement high priority initiatives presented in the North Carolina Public Health Improvement Plan and shall be allocated by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, in the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

- (1) \$23,000,000 as noncategorical General Aid to County funds to build capacity for the 10 essential public health services in local health departments statewide.
- (2) \$12,500,000 to support community demonstration projects, community grants, a public awareness campaign, and county implementation of community-based programs that advance the goals and objectives of "Eat Smart and Move More," North Carolina's obesity prevention plan.
- (3) \$1,500,000 to support operation of the Tobacco Quit Line.
- (4) \$10,400,000 to hire additional school nurses to work toward the goal of achieving a statewide school nurse to student ratio of 1:750.
- (5) \$31,317,772 to provide all CDC-recommended childhood vaccines to all children in the State.

- 1           (6)   \$1,416,664 to support improvements and ongoing operations of the  
2                    three existing regional medical examiner facilities.  
3           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.