

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 474

Short Title: Reduce Perinatal Mortality and Disease. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Albertson, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Dannelly, Dorsett, Foriest, Hartsell, and Malone.

Referred to: Health Care.

March 5, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO SUPPORT THE PERINATAL
4 QUALITY COLLABORATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED
5 BY THE NORTH CAROLINA PEDIATRIC SOCIETY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
8 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five hundred thousand
9 dollars (\$500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred thousand
10 dollars (\$500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the
11 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine to support the Perinatal
12 Quality Collaborative of North Carolina (PQCNC). PQCNC is a network of
13 stakeholders (providers, families, hospital administrators, health experts, and payers)
14 committed to improving clinical and health systems issues in perinatal care. The
15 purpose of PQCNC is to use a refined neonatal data set linked to other State databases
16 and expert input from all stakeholders to implement quality improvement initiatives,
17 which will reduce perinatal disease burden, optimize use of State medical funds, and
18 meet the needs of North Carolina families as they receive perinatal care.

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