## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE DRS55311-LN-198 (3/13)

Short Title: Funds/HIV-AIDS Outreach Clinic. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger of Franklin.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO PREVENTION EDUCATION AND HIV PRIMARY CARE SERVICES IN RURAL CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the Northern Outreach Clinic (NOC) is an HIV Specialty Clinic that provides primary care services for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Vance, Granville, Warren, Halifax, and Franklin Counties; and

Whereas, since 1997, the NOC has provided a continuum of comprehensive primary care and specialty services for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, the NOC is the only resource for comprehensive HIV primary medical care in the area to minority men and women who are disproportionately affected by HIV disease, undereducated, isolated, and without basic resources; and

Whereas, control measure adherence is paramount in the reduction of the spread of HIV; Now, therefore,

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 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the Northern Outreach Clinic on the campus of Maria Parham Medical Center in Henderson, North Carolina. These funds shall be used to improve adherence to medical therapy and control measures in HIV-infected African-American men and women in rural central North Carolina who have limited or no access to prevention education and HIV primary care services.

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