

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 1016  
SENATE BILL 728

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF  
NORTH CAROLINA TO ASSIST IN FINANCING THE PLACEMENT IN ADOPTIVE  
HOMES OF CHILDREN WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE DEPENDENT ON PUBLIC  
SUPPORT.

Whereas, the Children's Home Society of North Carolina has through the years provided many important services to the people of North Carolina, including finding permanent homes and loving family relationships for thousands of children; and

Whereas, as a part of its services the Children's Home Society of North Carolina provides homes for children who are dependent on public welfare and foster home care entirely financed by public funds; and

Whereas, by placing these children who would otherwise be public charges in private adoptive homes, the State and counties are relieved of a very costly obligation; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Social Services has estimated that the average total cost in public funds for each child in public care for whom the Children's Home Society of North Carolina finds adoptive homes is approximately \$11,000; and

Whereas, in the year 1970 the Children's Home Society of North Carolina directly removed 38 children from public care and placed them in permanent adoptive homes, and provided homes for many additional children, some of whom would have eventually become public charges, and therefore directly saved the public treasury approximately \$418,000, and a similar savings of public funds is effected each year due to the activities of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Children's Home Society of North Carolina has in the last few years experienced serious deficits in its operational income necessitating use of the principal in its small endowment which is jeopardizing the future of the Children's Home Society, which would in turn jeopardize continuance and operation of the program which has directly reduced the expenditure of public funds for dependent child purposes; and

Whereas, the value of the Children's Home Society to the State and its citizens in terms of making useful citizens of thousands of children in North Carolina greatly benefits the State economically and socially, and substantially reduces the burden on the public social services provided by the State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** It is hereby appropriated for each fiscal year of the biennium 1971-1973 out of the general fund of North Carolina the sum of \$10,000 to the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., for the purpose of assisting in the placement in adoptive homes of dependent children in North Carolina who at the time of their placement are being cared for and supported by the use of public funds.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1971.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 20th day of July, 1971.