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SENATE BILL 286*

Short Title: Medicaid Income Lts./Elderly, Disabled.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Richardson; Hunt of Durham and Walker.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 27, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE THE MEDICAID INCOME
ELIGIBILITY LIMITS FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Effective April 1, 1990, the Department of Human Resources shall provide Medicaid coverage, to the extent permitted by federal law, for aged, blind, or disabled individuals whose family income is equal to or less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the federal poverty guidelines, as revised annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and to all elderly, blind, and disabled individuals receiving assistance under the Supplemental Security Income Program.

Sec 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Human Resources, the sum of eight million four hundred five thousand one hundred sixty-four dollars (\$8,405,164) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of thirty million thirty-five thousand eight hundred eighty-one dollars (\$30,035,881) for the 1990-91 fiscal year, to provide for the expanded coverage authorized by this act.

Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Human Resources, the sum of one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for the 1990-91 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated among the county departments of social services for the nonfederal costs of employing additional personnel needed to implement this act effective January 1, 1990. Eligibility staff employed by these funds shall include staff

1 placed at locations accessible to elderly and disabled persons, such as senior centers and
2 local health departments.

3 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.