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HOUSE BILL 931*

Short Title: Child Caring Inst. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cansler.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 14, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CHILD CARING INSTITUTION FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Child Caring Institution Fund, the sum of five million one hundred ninety-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$5,192,300) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of five million one hundred ninety-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$5,192,300) for the 1998-99 fiscal year in order to increase the balance in the CCI Fund to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000). Funds appropriated under this section shall be used to increase the private child caring agency reimbursement rate for the State-funded portion of services to children who are not eligible for federal IV-E or AFDC-EA subsidies.

(b) Funds appropriated under this section shall be used to increase reimbursement rates to those child caring agencies providing residential care services and behavioral health care services under agreements with the county departments of social services during fiscal year 1996-97. Counties shall not reduce their contributions to the agencies' cost of care as a result of the appropriation of funds under subsection (a) of this section. County contributions to the cost of care shall continue to be negotiated between the counties and the agencies. County contributions to the cost of care shall not be used

1 to reduce or offset State reimbursement for the cost of care in private child caring
2 institutions.

3 (c) Funds appropriated under this section shall be allocated to agencies by
4 the Division of Social Services according to the current and agreed upon formulas and
5 reimbursement methodologies, adjusted to reflect the additional funds appropriated.
6 Funds allocated from the CCI Fund may be used by agencies to match federal funds for
7 eligible children.

8 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.