

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 158

Short Title: Adult Protective Services Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Ballance, Ballantine, Carter, Cochrane, Dannelly, Forrester, Garrou, Jordan, Kinnaird, Lee, Metcalf, Phillips, Shaw of Cumberland and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 22, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE
SERVICES AND GUARDIANSHIP.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of four million five hundred sixty-six thousand fifty-three dollars (\$4,566,053) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of five million nine hundred fifty-five thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$5,955,966) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to provide county departments of social services with 43 additional social workers to act as guardians for incompetent adults and 110 additional social workers to provide adult protective services.

Section 2. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) in each fiscal year shall be used to establish a State Protective Services Fund to be used for emergency essential services. These funds may be used to fund a staff attorney position in the Attorney General's Office to provide legal consultation to county attorneys, county departments of social services staff, and Division staff on Adult Protective Services and Guardianship matters.

Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.