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HOUSE BILL 634

Short Title: Funds for Public Health Services Demo Project. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hunter.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LOCAL CORE AND ESSENTIAL
2 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
3 IN PREDOMINANTLY TIER ONE COUNTIES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000)
8 for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the
9 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the Institute of Public Health at
10 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a public health improvement
11 demonstration project in enterprise tier one counties and other counties affiliated with
12 tier one counties through district health departments in northeastern North Carolina. For
13 purposes of this section, "enterprise tier" has the same meaning as under G.S.
14 105-129.2. The regional demonstration project will incorporate collaboration and
15 tasking across county lines. The funds shall be used as follows:

- 16 (1) For the demonstration of health assessment functions, including the
17 strengthening of epidemiological investigation capacity; active
18 monitoring and surveillance of health conditions, diseases, and risk
19 factors; involving the community in community health assessments;
20 public awareness of health conditions and reporting of health issues to
21 the general community and to risk groups; institutionalizing the
22 capacity to monitor closure of disparity gaps; and monitoring,
23 measuring, and evaluating health outcomes.
- 24 (2) For the demonstration of public health policy development, including
25 the retraining of the public health workforce, mobilizing community
26 and coalition infrastructures, broadening the public health agenda
27 through activation of the policy development role of local boards of
28 health, and the development of policies and readiness for emerging
29 public health threats.

- 1 (3) For the demonstration of assurance functions, including the
2 development of key accountability and performance measures, piloting
3 a local health department accreditation system, the identification of
4 major health system gaps, the translation of public health research into
5 practice, and the development of model guidelines, policies, and
6 procedures.
- 7 (4) For the development of a proposed State funding system for core
8 public health functions and essential public health services with
9 emphasis on county wealth, county need, and incentive to collaborate
10 and share resources on a regional level.
- 11 (5) For defining and measuring the public health infrastructure as
12 demonstrated by research at the federal level through the Centers for
13 Disease Control and Prevention.

14 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve
15 for State Aid to Counties the sum of thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) for the
16 2003-2004 fiscal year and the sum of thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) for the
17 2004-2005 fiscal year. Of these funds, the sum of one hundred thirty thousand dollars
18 (\$130,000) shall be allocated in each fiscal year to each of the State's 100 counties as
19 noncategorical funding. Each county may use funds received under this section as
20 follows:

- 21 (1) To enhance core and essential local public health functions including
22 assessment.
- 23 (2) For policy development, assurance of access to needed health services,
24 and reduction of disparities and barriers to care.
- 25 (3) To partner with other local entities to promote development and
26 enhance community health.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.