

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 1862**

Short Title: ECU Auditory Learning Center Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn, Warren, Farmer-Butterfield, Tolson  
(Primary Sponsors); and Harrison.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 11, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENABLE RURAL DEAF SCHOOL-AGED  
3 CHILDREN WITH COCHLEAR IMPLANTS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR  
4 LANGUAGE AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
7 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred thousand  
8 dollars (\$200,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fund a project by the East Carolina  
9 University Health Sciences Division. The purpose of the project would be to enable deaf  
10 children with cochlear implants to maximize their potential to develop spoken language.  
11 These funds shall be used to: (i) train teachers and therapists in the eastern region to  
12 work with deaf school-age children with cochlear implants; (ii) coordinate educational  
13 planning between the clinical team and the school system; and (iii) establish an  
14 advanced technological communication network to provide expedited access for  
15 educators and therapists to informational and training resources.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.