

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 503

Short Title: Funds for Rural Health Recruitment. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Dorsett, Lucas, and Malone.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 15, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH, FOR RECRUITMENT
3 ACTIVITIES.
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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, Office of Rural Health, the sum of two
8 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and
9 the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2006-2007
10 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the Rural Obstetrical Care Incentive Fund in
11 the Office of Rural Health to make grants to physicians who are adversely affected by
12 the high cost of professional liability insurance. Grant funds shall be allocated solely for
13 the purpose of subsidizing in whole or in part the costs associated with obtaining or
14 maintaining professional liability insurance for physicians in health care manpower
15 shortage areas of the State as defined by the Office of Rural Health.

16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
17 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health, the sum of one
18 million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and
19 the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the 2006-2007
20 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for recruitment incentives and practice support
21 incentives for physicians who are practicing or who intend to practice in health
22 manpower shortage areas of the State.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.