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HOUSE DRH80305-LN-277 (4/11)

Short Title: Funds for BERT Initiative/HHS. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Coleman.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE BASIC EDUCATION RESOURCE TREATMENT INITIATIVE (BERT).

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated for the Basic Education Resource Treatment (BERT) Initiative to:

- (1) Address the academic and social ills of the HIV/AIDS/STDs at-risk population;
- (2) Heighten awareness of HIV/AIDS/STDs of the populations at risk for these diseases;
- (3) Develop and use resources in the community to assist people and their families who are affected by AIDS;
- (4) Educate, enlighten, and inform women, children, and their families on the reality of AIDS, debunking the myths that persist about the disease; and
- (5) Provide services with emphasis on prevention and education on HIV/AIDS/STDs in North Carolina.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.