

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 97*

Short Title: WIN A STEP UP Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weiss, Earle, Bordsen, Clary (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Alexander, Carney, Coates, Coleman, Current, England, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Glazier, Harrison, Insko, Jeffus, Lucas, Luebke, Martin, Mobley, Wainwright, E. Warren, Womble, and Wray.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

February 8, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
3 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES, FOR THE WIN A
4 STEP UP PROGRAM FOR NURSE AIDES EMPLOYED BY NURSING HOMES,
5 AND FOR A PILOT OF THE WIN A STEP UP PROGRAM FOR NURSE AIDES
6 EMPLOYED BY HOME CARE AGENCIES, AND TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF
7 THE FEASIBILITY OF BECOMING A SELF-SUSTAINING PROGRAM, AS
8 RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON
9 AGING.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
12 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, the sum of
13 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of
14 three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to
15 be used, in addition to fine and penalty collections provided by the Department, to
16 continue the WIN A STEP UP (Workforce Improvement for Nursing Assistants:
17 Supporting Training, Education, and Payment for Upgrading Performance) program for
18 nurse aides employed by nursing homes.

19 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
20 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, the sum of
21 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of
22 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to be used to
23 develop, pilot, and evaluate a WIN A STEP UP (Workforce Improvement for Nursing
24 Assistants: Supporting Training, Education, and Payment for Upgrading Performance)
25 program for nurse aides employed by home care agencies.

1 **SECTION 1.(c)** The WIN A STEP UP program shall continue to enhance
2 and enrich curriculum components with information and exercises involving appropriate
3 care for individuals with dementia, anxiety, depression, and other severe mental health
4 problems.

5 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Department shall require the WIN A STEP UP
6 program to study the feasibility of becoming a self-sustaining program and to report to
7 the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the House of Representatives and
8 Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services by May 1, 2008.

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