

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 857**

Short Title: At-Risk Children Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; Bonner, Church, Dickson, Easterling, Fox, Goodwin, Ives, Jeffus, Preston, and Wainwright.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 7, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO PROVIDE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE WITH OR AT RISK FOR DISABILITIES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources the sum of five million four hundred forty-nine thousand eighty-nine dollars (\$5,449,089) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of five million five hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred seventy-four dollars (\$5,531,474) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide early intervention services for children under three with or at risk for disabilities. Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Human Resources, the sum of two million five hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred nine dollars (\$2,516,809) for fiscal year 1997-98 and the sum of two million five hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred nine dollars (\$2,516,809) for fiscal year 1998-99 shall be allocated to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of one million four hundred twenty-five thousand eight hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$1,425,858) for fiscal year 1997-98 and the sum of one million five hundred seventy-one thousand eight hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$1,571,827) for fiscal year 1998-99 shall be allocated to the Division of Services for the Blind, and the sum of

1 one million five hundred six thousand four hundred twenty-two dollars (\$1,506,422) for  
2 fiscal year 1997-98 and the sum of one million four hundred forty-two thousand eight  
3 hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$1,442,838) for fiscal year 1998-99 shall be allocated to the  
4 Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. These funds shall be utilized in  
5 accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Interagency Agreement for Early  
6 Intervention and Special Education Services developed through the North Carolina  
7 Interagency Coordinating Council.

8 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.