

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 149

Short Title: Medicaid County Share Phaseout. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Howard; Adams, Alexander, L. Allen, Allred, Almond Jr., Barnhart, Bell, Blackwood, Brown, Brubaker, Carney, Church, Clary, Cleveland, Coates, Coleman, Culp, Cunningham, Current, Daughtridge, Dockham, Dollar, Eddins, Faison, Fisher, Folwell, Frye, Gillespie, Glazier, Grady, Hill, Hilton, Hollo, Johnson, Justice, Justus, Langdon, LaRoque, Lewis, Luebke, McAllister, McComas, McGee, McLawhorn, Moore, Owens, Parmon, Pate, Pierce, Preston, Ray, Ross, Sauls, Setzer, Sherrill, Steen, Stiller, Tucker, Underhill, Walend, Walker, Warren, West, Williams, Wilson, Wray, and Wright.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Appropriations

February 9, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PHASEOUT THE COUNTY SHARE OF THE NONFEDERAL SHARE
2 OF MEDICAID COSTS OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, AND TO PROVIDE
3 THAT THE TOTAL COUNTY SHARE DURING THE PHASEOUT PERIOD
4 SHALL NOT EXCEED THE COUNTY SHARE PAID BY EACH COUNTY FOR
5 THE 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
9 county portion of the nonfederal share of Medical Assistance Program costs, excluding
10 administrative costs, is reduced by three percent (3%) each fiscal year beginning July 1,
11 2005, until the county portion of the nonfederal share, excluding administrative costs,
12 equals zero percent (0%). If the reduction in the county share for each fiscal year under
13 this section results in a higher county share than the county share paid for the
14 2004-2005 fiscal year, then the county share for the fiscal year shall be the amount of
15 the reduction or the amount of the county share paid in the 2004-2005 fiscal year,
16 excluding administrative costs, whichever is less. Effective July 1, 2009, the nonfederal
17 share of Medical Assistance Program costs, excluding administrative costs, shall be
18 borne by the State.

19 **SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2009, G.S. 108A-54 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 108A-54. Authorization of Medical Assistance Program.**

1 The Department is authorized and empowered to establish a Medical Assistance
2 Program from ~~federal, State and county~~ federal and State appropriations and to adopt
3 rules ~~and regulations~~ under which payments are to be made in accordance with the
4 provisions of this Part. ~~The nonfederal share may be divided between the State and the~~
5 ~~counties, in a manner consistent with the provisions of the federal Social Security Act,~~
6 ~~except that the share required from the counties may not exceed the share required from~~
7 ~~the state. If a portion of the nonfederal share is required from the counties, the boards of~~
8 ~~county commissioners of the several counties shall levy, impose and collect the taxes~~
9 ~~required for the special purpose of medical assistance as provided in this Part, in an~~
10 ~~amount sufficient to cover each county's share of such assistance."~~

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