

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 328*

Short Title: Children's Advocacy Ctr. Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; Albertson, Allran, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Boseman, Cowell, Dannelly, Garrou, Graham, Holloman, Kerr, Lucas, Malone, Purcell, Swindell, and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 3, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated equally among the 15 fully certified Child Advocacy Centers in this State for expanding forensic interviewing capabilities, increasing multidisciplinary team training, developing comprehensive community responses to child abuse, coordinating and tracking investigative, prosecutorial, child protection and treatment efforts in child abuse cases, and providing treatment and preventing trauma to child abuse victims otherwise caused by multiple, duplicative contacts with different agencies and professionals.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.