

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 753

Short Title: Funds to Help Children with Cochlear Implants. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; and Bingham.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 22, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENABLE DEAF CHILDREN WITH
2 COCHLEAR IMPLANTS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP
3 SPOKEN LANGUAGE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
7 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of three hundred twenty-seven
8 thousand dollars (\$327,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred
9 twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$327,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fund
10 CASTLE (Center for the Acquisition of Spoken Language Through Listening
11 Enrichment), which is operated by the Carolina Children's Communicative Disorders
12 Program of The University of North Carolina Health Care System. The purpose of
13 CASTLE is to enable deaf children with cochlear implants to maximize their potential
14 to develop spoken language.

15 CASTLE shall use these funds to: (i) train teachers and therapists across the
16 State to work with deaf preschool-age children with cochlear implants; and (ii) provide
17 oral preschool classes to these children.

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