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Short Title: Special Assistance In-Home Assign.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ASSIGNMENTS TO THE SPECIAL  
3 ASSISTANCE IN-HOME PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
4 AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY OF THE  
5 PROGRAM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** Funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human  
8 Services for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the 2008-2009 fiscal year may be used to  
9 increase the maximum number of assignments to the Special Assistance In-Home  
10 Program to 2,000 persons.

11       **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct  
12 a study to examine possible barriers to expansion and participation in the Special  
13 Assistance In-Home Program. The Department shall study implementation, both  
14 individually and collectively, and shall develop a cost estimate and participation level  
15 estimate for each of the following:

- 16           (1) The impact of having the State pay one-third of the current county  
17 share for the cost of case management in an effort to encourage  
18 increased county participation.
- 19           (2) The impact of removing the cap on the number of Special Assistance  
20 In-Home slots.
- 21           (3) The impact of changing the income level for the Special Assistance  
22 In-Home Program from one hundred percent (100%) of the federal  
23 poverty level to the maximum monthly rate for residents in adult care  
24 homes.

25 The participation level estimate shall include individuals that might meet eligibility  
26 requirements regardless of current residence. The Department shall present its findings  
27 and recommendations on the study authorized in this section to the Study Commission  
28 on Aging on or before November 1, 2007.

29       **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.