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HOUSE BILL 2277*

Short Title: Food Stamp Outreach Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Easterling.

Referred to: Human Resources.

June 1, 1990

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES A FOOD STAMP OUTREACH
3 PROGRAM OF INFORMATION, REFERRAL, AND REMOVAL OF BARRIERS
4 TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. (a) The Department of Human Resources shall establish a Food
8 Stamp Outreach Program. Under the Program the Department shall inform public and
9 private agencies, community groups, potentially-eligible persons, and the general public
10 regarding the eligibility requirements of the Food Stamp Program. The Department shall
11 develop a referral list of public and private agencies, community groups, and interested
12 persons and organizations who serve low-income persons. The Department shall inform
13 these agencies and persons regarding the Food Stamp Program and changes in the law
14 which affect client eligibility or the extent of benefits. The Department shall develop
15 and distribute informational materials, such as public service announcements,
16 brochures, pamphlets, posters, and correspondence.

17 (b) The Department of Human Resources shall fund 10 demonstration
18 projects in urban and rural counties with low food stamp participation rates to conduct
19 comprehensive activities designed to remove barriers to participation.

20 Sec. 2. The Department of Human Resources shall conduct an evaluation of
21 the effectiveness of the Food Stamp Outreach Program described in Section 1 of this act
22 and shall file a written report on the findings and recommendations with the General
23 Assembly on or before May of 1992.

1 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Human Resources the sum of \$347,818 for the 1990-91 fiscal year to implement the
3 provisions of this act.

4 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1990.