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HOUSE BILL 1563

Short Title: Rural Health Recruitment Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Hunter; J. W. Crawford, Green, and Hardaway.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 3, 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A RURAL HEALTH RECRUITMENT
2 FUND.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. (a) There is established in the Office of Rural Health and Resource
6 Development a general medicine physician recruitment fund to provide stipends for
7 general medicine residents who elect to practice in underserved areas of the State. From
8 funds appropriated to it for this purpose, the Office of Rural Health and Resource
9 Development may pay residents in family medicine, general internal medicine, or
10 general pediatric medicine the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per resident upon
11 the resident's agreeing to practice in an area designated by the Office of Rural Health
12 and Resource Development as medically underserved. If a resident receives a payment
13 and does not complete a full year of service in a medically underserved area, that
14 resident shall repay the entire amount by the end of that year. If a resident receives a
15 payment and does complete a full year of service in a medically underserved area,
16 repayment is forgiven. A resident may receive three consecutive payments for three
17 consecutive years of residency.

18 The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall adopt rules to
19 administer this fund.

20 The Office of Rural Health and Resource Development shall report annually
21 to the General Assembly regarding the status of the fund and on its success in providing
22 physicians for underserved areas of the State.

23 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of Rural Health
24 and Resource Development, Department of Human Resources, the sum of three hundred

1 thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the fund established in
2 subsection (a) of this section.

3 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.