

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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SENATE BILL 644

Short Title: Grants for Private Child-Caring.

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Sponsors: Senator Hunt.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF GRANTS-  
IN-AID TO PRIVATE CHILD-CARING INSTITUTIONS.

Whereas, the State of North Carolina is dependent on the private child-caring institutions to provide residential care to foster children who need the special resources of the private institutions; and

Whereas, the private child-caring institutions receive partial reimbursement for the cost of care to the foster children placed by county departments of social services, including \$3,180 per child in foster care board payments plus a State grant-in-aid (GIA); and

Whereas, the 1989-90 GIA appropriation of \$4,890,309 provided \$6,376 for each of the 765 eligible children; and

Whereas, the 1990-91 GIA appropriation of \$4,945,625 provided only \$5,704 for each of the 867 eligible children; and

Whereas, the number of eligible children for 1991-92 is expected to be 896; and

Whereas, the 1991-93 proposed budget includes no increase in the GIA, resulting in a further reduction to \$5,520 for each eligible child, which means the State will reimburse only thirty-nine and one-tenth percent (39.1%) of the cost of care for the GIA eligible children; and

Whereas, the private child-caring institutions care for an additional 358 children placed by their parents, and for whom no public funds are received; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1           Section 1. In addition to any other funds appropriated for this purpose by  
2 law, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human  
3 Resources the sum of \$2,136,031 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$2,136,031  
4 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to increase the level of grants-in-aid to private child-caring  
5 institutions so that the State is reimbursing the private child-caring institutions fifty  
6 percent (50%) of the actual cost of care for the 867 eligible children.

7           Sec. 2. The funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act shall be paid by the  
8 Department of Human Resources to the eligible child-caring institutions according to  
9 the provisions of the North Carolina Administrative Code, Section 10, Subchapter 41M,  
10 for the payment of grants-in-aid to private child-caring institutions.

11           Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.