

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 556

Short Title: Autism Operating Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Watson; Adams, Aldridge, Alexander, Black, Brawley, Capps, Church, Cole, Davis, Easterling, Gardner, Gulley, Hackney, Hill, Jeffus, McCombs, Moore, Morris, Nye, Russell, Sexton, Sutton, Wainwright, Warner, C. Wilson, and Yongue.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 20, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH AUTISM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Mental Health, Mental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of seven hundred thirty-six thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars (\$736,585) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of seven hundred thirty-six thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars (\$736,585) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to maintain the current level of services to persons with autism. These funds shall be allocated for each year of the biennium as follows:

- (1) \$89,000 for operating funds of the Autism Society of North Carolina, Inc.
- (2) \$325,000 for the Vocational Training Program - Job Placement for Adults Model in Wake County.
- (3) \$50,000 for the Vocational Training Project, an international teachers exchange for sharing teaching techniques for autistic classrooms.

- 1           (4)   \$40,000 for an advocacy position in the Raleigh, Research Triangle  
2           Park, and Chapel Hill areas to train parents, siblings, family members,  
3           and caregivers for persons with autism.  
4           (5)   \$143,145 for staff at the Carolina Living and Learning Center in  
5           Pittsboro.  
6           (6)   \$89,440 for staff and administrative costs of Division TEACCH  
7           (Treatment and Education of Autistic Children and Adults and other  
8           Communication Handicapped Children).  
9           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.