

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 362\***

Short Title: Craniofacial Anomalies Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Cooper, Lee, Kinnaird, Rucho; and Phillips.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 11, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC AND  
TREATMENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH CRANIOFACIAL  
ANOMALIES INCLUDING CLEFT LIP/PALATE.**

Whereas, approximately 200 infants are born in North Carolina each year with craniofacial anomalies including cleft lip/palate; and

Whereas, it is critical that prompt and comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services be provided to these children to maximize their health and development; and

Whereas, children who are uninsured or underinsured are generally referred to the Craniofacial Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, the Center does not have the financial resources to meet the demand for these critical services; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, Division of Maternal and Child Health, the sum of three hundred forty-three thousand dollars (\$343,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services for uninsured and underinsured children in North Carolina with craniofacial anomalies including cleft lip/palate.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.