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**SENATE BILL 13
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Short Title: Funds to Prevent Birth Defects.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell; Albertson, Allran, Ballantine, Carpenter, Carter, Cunningham, Dalton, Dannelly, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Gulley, Hagan, Harris, Hartsell, Hoyle, Jordan, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Metcalf, Miller, Moore, Plyler, Reeves, Robinson, Swindell, Thomas, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

January 29, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PREVENTION OF BIRTH
3 DEFECTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one million one hundred fifty
7 thousand dollars (\$1,150,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. These funds shall be used
8 as follows:

- 9 (1) \$400,000 for the expansion of the Birth Defects Monitoring Program
10 to cover all births in the State.
11 (2) To provide analysis of all birth defect data.
12 (3) To disseminate birth defect data to health care providers, public health,
13 personnel, members of the North Carolina General Assembly, and to
14 the general public.
15 (4) To collect and analyze data on low-birth weight babies and premature
16 babies.
17 (5) \$750,000 for the Statewide Folic Acid Campaign for education and
18 awareness activities on the importance of the consumption of folic acid
19 in multiple vitamins preceding pregnancy to effectively prevent neural
20 tube birth defects and infant mortality. The Folic Acid Education
21 Campaign shall be developed in conjunction with the Governor's Folic
22 Acid Council.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.