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HOUSE BILL 2065

Short Title: Fund Health Disparities Initiatives. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; B. Allen, Coleman, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Insko, Jones, Wainwright, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT ELIMINATING HEALTH
2 DISPARITIES INITIATIVES.
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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, Division of Public Health, the sum of six
7 million fifty thousand dollars (\$6,050,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The funds
8 shall be allocated for the Community-Focused Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative
9 (CFEHDI) to build the capacity of local public health departments, American Indian
10 tribes, and faith-based and community-based organizations to close the gap in health
11 status of African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians, as compared to
12 white persons. The areas of focus on health status shall be infant mortality, HIV/AIDS,
13 sexually transmitted infections, cancer, diabetes, homicides, and motor vehicle deaths.
14 These funds may also be used to support two FTE positions in the Department of Health
15 and Human Services to administer, implement, manage, monitor, track, and evaluate
16 grantees' progress in meeting performance-based standards and outcomes established by
17 the Department.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.