

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 1012**

Short Title: Food Runners Collaborative Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Malone; and Purcell.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 24, 2005

BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
2 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION ON AGING, FOR THE FOOD RUNNERS  
3 COLLABORATIVE, INC.  
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5       Whereas, Food Runners Collaborative, Inc., is a partnership with Meals on  
6 Wheels and the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle to feed the hungry and help make homeless  
7 people learn skills for employment; and

8       Whereas, the Food Runners Collaborative and its partner agencies serve  
9 clients in an eight-county area and are planning expansion to a larger geographic area;  
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11       Whereas, Meals on Wheels delivers 362,500 meals each year, distributing  
12 meals each weekday to 1,000 homebound, elderly, and disabled people; and

13       Whereas, Meals on Wheels provides 300 lunches each weekday to senior  
14 citizens at congregate nutrition sites and delivers a weekly supply of frozen meals to  
15 150 people; and

16       Whereas, the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle delivers over four million pounds of  
17 food to 202 agencies in seven counties and feeds more than 4,000 people daily; and

18       Whereas, during 2005, the Food Runners Collaborative will provide 900  
19 meals each weekday to seniors in other counties in the area; and

20       Whereas, this collaborative partnership is a concept that could be expanded to  
21 other parts of the State; and

22       Whereas, the State of North Carolina has supported this collaborative through  
23 a long-term lease for the land on which the new Food Runners Collaborative facility has  
24 been built; and

25       Whereas, the Food Runners Collaborative is in the development and  
26 transition phase of its operation in the new facility and needs operating funds for this  
27 transition to provide services to persons in need; Now, therefore,  
28 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services, Division on Aging, the sum of one hundred  
3 thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to support the production of  
4 meals in the Food Runners Collaborative facility during its transition period prior to  
5 reaching full operational capacity and expanding its services.

6           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.