GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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HOUSE DRH70484-LN-285 (4/30)

Short Title: Opportunities Industr. Center (OIC) Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield and Bryant (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR ALLOCATION TO OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER (OIC), INC., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR RENOVATIONS AND EQUIPMENT.

Whereas, OIC, Inc., of Rocky Mount has been providing comprehensive human services in Nash and Edgecombe Counties for 39 years; and

Whereas, OIC, Inc., provides education, training, employment placement, health care, child care, business development, and primary medical services for 2,000 people monthly; and

Whereas, the Booker T. Washington physical plant needs complete renovation to accommodate the thousands of citizens that use the facility monthly; and

Whereas, the OIC, Inc., Medical Center is the only area medical practice that does not cap Medicaid and accepts uninsured patients; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to OIC, Inc., a nonprofit organization in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, that provides comprehensive human services in Nash and Edgecombe Counties. The funds shall be allocated in the following amounts for the following purposes:

- (1) \$2,000,000 for renovation of the historic Booker T. Washington School for OIC's administrative and training divisions; and
- (2) \$1,000,000 for physical plant and equipment improvement and upgrades at the OIC Medical Center.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.