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HOUSE BILL 214

Short Title: Children's Advocacy Center Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dickson, Glazier, Insko, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Allen, Bordsen, Carney, Cole, Faison, Goforth, Harrison, Luebke, McLawhorn, Parmon, Pierce, Ross, Stiller, Tarleton, Wainwright, Weiss, Wiley, Wilkins, Womble, Wray, and Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS
2 AND FOR TRAINING OF PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THE
3 INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CHILD SEX ABUSE CASES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, the sum of one
8 million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to be
9 allocated equally among the 22 fully certified child advocacy centers in this State for
10 expanding forensic interviewing capabilities, increasing multidisciplinary team training,
11 developing comprehensive community responses to child abuse, coordinating and
12 tracking investigative, prosecutorial, child protection and treatment efforts in child
13 abuse cases, and providing treatment and preventing trauma to child abuse victims
14 otherwise caused by multiple, duplicative contacts with different agencies and
15 professionals.

16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
17 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, the sum of thirty
18 thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to be allocated to the
19 Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina, Inc., to bring the National Children's
20 Advocacy Center Forensic Interviewing Academy to North Carolina for two separate
21 training and professional development conferences for professionals involved in the
22 investigation and prosecution of child sex abuse cases. One training conference will be
23 in the western region and the other in the eastern region of the State. The money may
24 not be used for administrative purposes and is only for direct costs of the training.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.