

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2370*

Short Title: Fund Public Health Improvement Initiatives. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives England, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Brisson, Clary, Coleman, Current, Faison, Fisher, Glazier, Justus, Luebke, Rapp, Tarleton, Wainwright, R. Warren, and Weiss.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 21, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT HIGH PRIORITY
3 INITIATIVES WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH
4 IMPROVEMENT PLAN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH
5 STUDY COMMISSION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of
9 eighty million one hundred thirty-four thousand four hundred thirty-six dollars
10 (\$80,134,436) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Funds appropriated by this act shall be
11 used to supplement and not supplant existing State, federal, county, or other funds
12 allocated for the identified purpose. These funds shall be used to implement high
13 priority initiatives presented in the North Carolina Public Health Improvement Plan and
14 shall be allocated by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public
15 Health, in the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

- 16 (1) \$23,000,000 as noncategorical General Aid to County funds to build
17 capacity for the 10 essential public health services in local health
18 departments statewide.
19 (2) \$12,500,000 to support community demonstration projects,
20 community grants, a public awareness campaign, and county
21 implementation of community-based programs that advance the goals
22 and objectives of "Eat Smart and Move More," North Carolina's
23 obesity prevention plan.
24 (3) \$1,500,000 to support operation of the Tobacco Quit Line.
25 (4) \$10,400,000 to hire additional school nurses to work toward the goal
26 of achieving a statewide school nurse to student ratio of 1:750.

- 1 (5) \$31,317,772 to provide all CDC-recommended childhood vaccines to
2 all children in the State.
3 (6) \$1,416,664 to support improvements and ongoing operations of the
4 three existing regional medical examiner facilities.
5 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.