

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 992

Short Title: Funds/HIV-AIDS Outreach Clinic.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger of Franklin.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 20, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO PREVENTION
3 EDUCATION AND HIV PRIMARY CARE SERVICES IN RURAL CENTRAL
4 NORTH CAROLINA.

5 Whereas, the Northern Outreach Clinic (NOC) is an HIV Specialty Clinic that
6 provides primary care services for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Vance, Granville,
7 Warren, Halifax, and Franklin Counties; and

8 Whereas, since 1997, the NOC has provided a continuum of comprehensive
9 primary care and specialty services for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and

10 Whereas, the NOC is the only resource for comprehensive HIV primary
11 medical care in the area to minority men and women who are disproportionately
12 affected by HIV disease, undereducated, isolated, and without basic resources; and

13 Whereas, control measure adherence is paramount in the reduction of the
14 spread of HIV; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
17 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall
19 be allocated to the Northern Outreach Clinic on the campus of Maria Parham Medical
20 Center in Henderson, North Carolina. These funds shall be used to improve adherence
21 to medical therapy and control measures in HIV-infected African-American men and
22 women in rural central North Carolina who have limited or no access to prevention
23 education and HIV primary care services.

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