

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE DRS85011-SHz-9\* (01/09)**

Short Title: WIN A STEP UP Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Dannelly, Dorsett, Allran, Bingham, and Malone.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
3 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES, FOR THE WIN A  
4 STEP UP PROGRAM FOR NURSE AIDES EMPLOYED BY NURSING HOMES,  
5 AND FOR A PILOT OF THE WIN A STEP UP PROGRAM FOR NURSE AIDES  
6 EMPLOYED BY HOME CARE AGENCIES, AND TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF  
7 THE FEASIBILITY OF BECOMING A SELF-SUSTAINING PROGRAM, AS  
8 RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON  
9 AGING.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
12 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, the sum of  
13 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of  
14 three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to  
15 be used, in addition to fine and penalty collections provided by the Department, to  
16 continue the WIN A STEP UP (Workforce Improvement for Nursing Assistants:  
17 Supporting Training, Education, and Payment for Upgrading Performance) program for  
18 nurse aides employed by nursing homes.

19 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
20 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, the sum of  
21 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of  
22 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to be used to  
23 develop, pilot, and evaluate a WIN A STEP UP (Workforce Improvement for Nursing  
24 Assistants: Supporting Training, Education, and Payment for Upgrading Performance)  
25 program for nurse aides employed by home care agencies.

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** The WIN A STEP UP program shall continue to enhance  
27 and enrich curriculum components with information and exercises involving appropriate

1 care for individuals with dementia, anxiety, depression, and other severe mental health  
2 problems.

3           **SECTION 1.(d)** The Department shall require the WIN A STEP UP  
4 program to study the feasibility of becoming a self-sustaining program and to report to  
5 the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the House of Representatives and  
6 Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services by May 1, 2008.

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