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HOUSE BILL 1692*

Short Title:Funds/HIV-AIDS Outreach Clinic.(Public)Sponsors:Representatives Wray, Allen (Primary Sponsors); Carney, Crawford,
Harrison, and Wainwright.Referred to:Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 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 Whereas, since 1997, the NOC has provided a continuum of comprehensive 8 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 medical care in the area to minority men and women who are disproportionately 11 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 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one 17 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 Center in Henderson, North Carolina. These funds shall be used to improve adherence 20 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.