

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 23*

Short Title: Funds for Statewide Health Promotion. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weiss, Insko, England, Williams (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Alexander, Bordsen, Carney, Coates, Dickson, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Glazier, Goforth, Hall, Harrison, Holliman, Luebke, McLawhorn, Tarleton, Underhill, E. Warren, and Wray.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

January 29, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STATEWIDE HEALTH
2 PROMOTION PROGRAM.
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4 Whereas, chronic diseases are one of the most important public health issues
5 of our time; and

6 Whereas, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer are the leading causes of
7 death and escalating health care costs in North Carolina; and

8 Whereas, the rates of obesity and tobacco use have reached epidemic
9 proportions and are of particular concern with respect to smoking among our youth
10 population; and

11 Whereas, adequate capacity in all communities across the State is essential to
12 address these urgent health problems; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
15 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of four
16 million three hundred thousand dollars (\$4,300,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and
17 the sum of four million three hundred thousand dollars (\$4,300,000) for the 2008-2009
18 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the Statewide Health Promotion program to
19 support the work of one full-time public health professional in each county to work on
20 the public health issues of physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and tobacco use.

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