

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 943*

Short Title: Foster Care/Adoption Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clary, Easterling (Cosponsors); Adams, Alexander, Baddour, Black, Blue, Cole, Cunningham, Earle, Fitch, Goodwin, Gulley, Hackney, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Jeffus, Kiser, Luebke, Mercer, Moore, Mosley, Nesbitt, Oldham, Reynolds, Rogers, Saunders, Sherrill, Sutton, Tolson, Wainwright, Warner, and Wilkins.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 15, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, TO FIND SAFE, PERMANENT
HOMES FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Social Services, Department of Human Resources the sum of one million nine hundred eleven thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,911,250) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of three million eight hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,822,500) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to increase the number of foster care and adoption workers in county Department of Social Services agencies or on contract with county Department of Social Services agencies.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Social Services, Department of Human Resources the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of one million nine hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,920,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to expand the Families for Kids initiative from eight to 16 counties.

1 Section 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
2 Social Services, Department of Human Resources the sum of sixty-six thousand dollars
3 (\$66,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thirty-two thousand
4 dollars (\$132,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to pay subsidies to relatives or kinship
5 providers who are appointed by the court as legal guardians of children who have been in
6 the custody of a county Department of Social Services participating in the Child Welfare
7 Waiver Demonstration Project (IV-E) for at least 12 months and who have lived with
8 relatives or kinship providers continuously for at least six months.

9 Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.