

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 634\*

Short Title: AIDS Prevention Funds.

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Sponsors: Senator Shaw of Cumberland.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 1, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE EFFORTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF AIDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for community-based intervention efforts to combat the AIDS/HIV epidemic. Funds appropriated under this section shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$300,000 to increase, by over 600,000 persons, the capacity of existing community-based organizations to provide outreach services to individuals at risk for HIV/AIDS;
- (2) \$300,000 to increase the capacity of local health departments in counties where increased community-based organization efforts occur, for the examination and treatment of persons referred by the community-based organizations, and to establish alternate counseling and testing sites that are based either at the local health department or at the community-based organization;
- (3) \$400,000 to provide funding for the development of new community-based organizations to provide outreach and referral services for persons

1                   at risk for HIV/AIDS. The primary focus of no fewer than one-half of  
2                   the community-based organizations developed with funds appropriated  
3                   in this section shall be services to racial and ethnic minority populations  
4                   across the State.

5                   Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.