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**HOUSE BILL 1358**

Short Title: Funds for Early Intervention/Public Health.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; and Luebke.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 19, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES  
AND ACTIVITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of seven million three hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$7,358,869) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of thirteen million two hundred ninety-one thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$13,291,486) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$1,363,013 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$2,014,780 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for expansion of special assessment and evaluation services for children referred to early intervention and for transition to preschool programs.
- (2) \$5,012,681 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$8,980,654 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for expansion of capacity to provide special instruction, developmental and therapeutic interventions for children, and training and counseling for family members.
- (3) \$800,000 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$1,600,000 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for the establishment of 24 new local family support programs and to provide ongoing resources for 13 existing programs operated on time-limited funding.
- (4) \$97,135 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$559,972 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for expansion of mandated transdisciplinary resource teams to cover additional regions of the State.
- (5) \$86,040 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$136,080 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for mandated integrated data system for tracking services to children ages 0-5 years.

1           **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one hundred eighty-four  
3 thousand two hundred eighty-three dollars (\$184,283) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and  
4 the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.  
5 These funds shall be used to expand children service coordination services required by  
6 State and federal law.

7           **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
8 Department of Public Instruction the sum of five million one hundred twenty-five  
9 thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$5,125,625) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and  
10 the sum of one million seven hundred eight thousand five hundred forty-one dollars  
11 (\$1,708,541) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- 12           (1)     \$2,641,190 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$880,396 for the  
13                     2002-2003 fiscal year for the expansion of special education and  
14                     related services for children with visual and hearing impairments,  
15                     including transportation services.
- 16           (2)     \$2,025,810 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$675,270 for the  
17                     2002-2003 fiscal year for supplemental transportation support and  
18                     equipment for preschoolers with disabilities.
- 19           (3)     \$458,625 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and \$152,875 for the  
20                     2002-2003 fiscal year for evaluation services for the increasing  
21                     population of speech/language impaired children.

22           **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.