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SENATE BILL 34
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Short Title: Continue State Budget.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 5, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE LEGISLATION
2 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET TO CONTINUE
3 EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT AT THE LEVEL
4 IN EFFECT ON JUNE 30, 2001, AND EXTENDING EXPIRING PROVISIONS
5 OF LAW; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH
6 BENEFIT PLAN; TO EXTEND ESTABLISHED PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL
7 TREATMENTS AND SERVICES TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION
8 PATIENTS; TO CLARIFY STATUTORY SALARY INCREASES; AND TO
9 AUTHORIZE PRISON CONSTRUCTION.
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11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **PART I. EXTEND CONTINUING BUDGET AUTHORITY.**

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of S.L. 2001-250, as amended by S.L. 2001-287,
14 reads as rewritten:

15 "SECTION 8. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1,
16 2001. This act expires ~~July 31, 2001~~ August 29, 2001."
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18 **PART II. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH**
19 **BENEFIT PLAN.**

20 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State
21 Employee Health Benefit Plan the sum of thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000) for
22 the 2001-2002 fiscal year to be used to fund the Plan's cash requirements.
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24 **PART III. EXTEND ESTABLISHED PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL**
25 **TREATMENTS AND SERVICES TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION**
26 **PATIENTS.**

27 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of S.L. 2001-253 reads as rewritten:

28 "SECTION 2. Notwithstanding G.S. 97-26, payment for medical treatment and
29 services rendered to workers' compensation patients by a hospital on or after July 1,

1 2001, and before ~~August 1, 2001~~, September 1, 2001, shall be equal to the payment the
2 hospital would have received for such treatment and services on June 30, 2001."

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4 **PART IV. CLARIFY STATUTORY SALARY INCREASES.**

5 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of S.L. 2001-250 reads as rewritten:

6 "SECTION 3. The salary schedules and specific salaries established for the
7 2000-2001 fiscal year by or under S.L. 2000-67 for offices and positions shall remain in
8 effect until the effective date of the Current Operations and Capital Improvements
9 Appropriations Act of 2001.

10 Notwithstanding G.S. 7A-102(c), 7A-171.1, 20-187.3, and any other provision of
11 law, ~~Teachers~~ teachers and all other State-funded employees shall not move on these
12 salary schedules or receive automatic, annual, performance, ~~merit~~, or merit increases,
13 statutory salary increases, or any other salary increments until authorized by the General
14 Assembly."

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16 **PART V. AUTHORIZE PRISON CONSTRUCTION.**

17 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Administration and the Department of
18 Correction may contract for the construction of three new close-custody correctional
19 facilities. The contract price for the three prisons shall not exceed the total bid price
20 submitted by the selected vendor on April 17, 2001. The sites for the three prisons shall
21 be Anson, Alexander, and Scotland Counties. The final contract proposal for the three
22 prisons shall be subject to review and approval of the Council of State.

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24 **PART VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

25 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.