

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 545*

Short Title: Funds for Comm.-Based Pharm. Assistance Pgms. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 20, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
3 COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR
4 LOW-INCOME ELDERLY PERSONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000)
8 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for a technical assistance
9 program to provide competitive grants to communities for technical assistance and
10 start-up funding for pharmaceutical assistance programs. The technical assistance
11 program shall enable local communities to affiliate with the State's negotiating system
12 for price rebates under the Medicaid program.

13 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.