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HOUSE BILL 601

Short Title: Funds/NC Health Choice/Kids' Care. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Bordsen, M. Alexander, Earle (Primary Sponsors); Bryant, Farmer-Butterfield, Harrison, Jeffus, Jones, Lucas, McLawhorn, Pierce, Rapp, Tarleton, Wainwright, E. Warren, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 16, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FULLY FUND NC HEALTH CHOICE AND TO IMPLEMENT NC KIDS' CARE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of eleven million two hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred forty-five dollars (\$11,238,545) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-five million nine hundred sixty-six thousand ninety-four dollars (\$25,966,094) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to fully fund NC Health Choice in the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium.

SECTION 1.(b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to fund enrollment of between 10,000 and 12,000 children eligible for NC Kids' Care.

SECTION 1.(c) The Department of Health and Human Services shall contract for the administration of NC Kids' Care to collect premiums, coinsurance, co-pays, and deductibles. The contract shall be for the period July 1, 2009, through July 1, 2010, or until the Department has the capability to administer NC Health Choice, whichever occurs last.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

