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SENATE BILL DRS55058-LUa-89A*

Short Title: Funds/Reach Out and Read Carolinas. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Krawiec, and D. Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR REACH OUT AND READ CAROLINAS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
4 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of
6 one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) recurring for each year of the 2019-2021
7 fiscal biennium to be allocated to Reach Out and Read Carolinas, an evidence-based nonprofit
8 working through primary care providers to promote and foster language-rich interactions
9 between parents and their young children by stimulating early brain development and healthy
10 relationships and routines in families. Reach Out and Read Carolinas shall match the funds
11 provided in this section with one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in private
12 funds and in-kind contributions.
13 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.



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