

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 551

Short Title: AIDS Prevention Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; Adams, Blue, Bonner, Boyd-McIntyre, Braswell, Cunningham, Earle, Fitch, Goodwin, Hardaway, H. Hunter, Kinney, McAllister, Michaux, Oldham, Wainwright, Womble, and Yongue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 19, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE EFFORTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF AIDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for community-based intervention efforts to combat the AIDS/HIV epidemic. Funds appropriated under this section shall be allocated as follows:

(1) \$300,000 to increase, by over 600,000 persons, the capacity of existing community-based organizations to provide outreach services to individuals at risk for HIV/AIDS;

(2) \$300,000 to increase the capacity of local health departments in counties where increased community-based organization efforts occur, for the examination and treatment of persons referred by the community-based organizations, and to establish alternate counseling and testing sites that are based either at the local health department or at the community-based organization;

1 (3) \$400,000 to provide funding for the development of new community-
2 based organizations to provide outreach and referral services for persons
3 at risk for HIV/AIDS. The primary focus of no fewer than one-half of
4 the community-based organizations developed with funds appropriated
5 in this section shall be services to racial and ethnic minority populations
6 across the State.

7 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.