

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 61*

Short Title: Funds for Cochlear Implants/CASTLE. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 5, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ASSIST DEAF CHILDREN WITH
3 COCHLEAR IMPLANTS TO DEVELOP SPOKEN LANGUAGE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
7 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five hundred seventy-five thousand
8 dollars (\$575,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred seventy-five
9 thousand dollars (\$575,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to
10 the Center for the Acquisition of Spoken Language through Listening Enrichment (CASTLE),
11 which is operated by the Carolina Children's Communicative Disorders Program of The
12 University of North Carolina Health Care System. These funds shall be used to train teachers
13 and therapists across the State to work with deaf preschool-age children with cochlear implants
14 and to provide oral preschool classes to these children.

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

