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HOUSE BILL 2320

Short Title: WIC Program/Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives H. Hunter; Barnhill, Blue, Cunningham, Fitch, Gist, Green, Hackney, Kennedy, Michaux, Miller, and Privette.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A STATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE
3 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC) TO COMPENSATE
4 FOR INFLATION AND CUTBACKS IN FOOD.

5 Whereas, the North Carolina Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)
6 currently serves about 138,000 women and children monthly with essential food stuffs;
7 and

8 Whereas, because of inflation in food costs and because of federal cutbacks,
9 North Carolina will soon declare ineligible approximately 10,000 of these women and
10 children, and begin to reduce services to the others; and

11 Whereas, those being cut are new mothers and children over age 1 who do
12 not yet have health problems because of the basic diet provided by WIC Program; and

13 Whereas, North Carolina has never contributed to the WIC Program, but must
14 begin to do so, not only as part of its concern for infant mortality but as part of its
15 concern for all its children and citizens, especially those now healthy who will very
16 likely lose their health, and much of their potential growth and development, if their diet
17 is deprived of the basic food stuffs currently being provided; Now, therefore,

18 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

19 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
20 Social Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of \$3,000,000 for the 1990-
21 91 fiscal year to provide a State contribution to the cost of the Women, Infants, and
22 Children Program (WIC), to keep those approximately 10,000 women and children
23 receiving essential food stuffs who would otherwise lose eligibility because of inflated

1 food costs and federal cutbacks, and to maintain all others on the Program at the same
2 level of service.

3 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1990.