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HOUSE BILL 361*

Short Title: AIDS Prevention/Education Program.

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Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE AND A COMMUNITY-BASED AIDS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 130A-149. AIDS Prevention and Education Program.

(a) The Department shall establish and administer a statewide AIDS Prevention and Education Program. In administering the program, the Department shall:

(1) Use health education and other methods that do the following:

a. Improve the awareness of individuals, communities and high risk group members about how Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is transmitted and how to avoid acquiring or transmitting infection, and

b. Promote changes in behavior that reduce the risk of acquiring or transmitting this infection;

(2) Establish, finance, coordinate, and administer contracts with local health departments to provide community-based AIDS education and risk reduction, and antibody test counseling. In awarding contracts under this subdivision, the Department shall provide an equal base amount to each county and an additional amount to be allocated on the needs of the general population;

(3) Establish, finance, coordinate, and administer a system for awarding and monitoring competitive contracts for local AIDS education and

1 risk reduction projects and support services. Local health departments
2 and public and private organizations, institutions, and agencies shall be
3 eligible to compete for these contracts, which shall include:

4 a. Model community-based projects, each involving a local health
5 department, and AIDS service organization, substance abuse
6 and mental health services, schools, and other services and
7 organizations as appropriate to coordinate and provide AIDS
8 education and risk reduction, and antibody test counseling to
9 promote risk reducing behaviors in the general public and AIDS
10 high risk groups;

11 b. Innovative projects for defined populations, including projects
12 involving one or more local public or private organizations,
13 institutions, or agencies to provide AIDS education and risk
14 reduction counseling to one or more AIDS high risk groups or
15 the general public;

16 c. Projects providing coordination and training of volunteers to
17 provide support services to persons with AIDS virus infection
18 to minimize health care costs by keeping patients at home as
19 long as possible;

20 (4) Seek and encourage funding from other public and private sources for
21 the purpose of expanding the nature, scope, and impact of services and
22 activities provided under the program;

23 (5) Encourage contractors to subcontract parts of local program services
24 and activities to other public and private organizations, institutions,
25 and agencies that can effectively provide these services and activities;

26 (6) Promote, encourage, and support participation of volunteers in
27 appropriate aspects of the program;

28 (7) Provide technical assistance, management, evaluation, consultation,
29 and training to contractors and communities, including provision of
30 educational materials, coordination of a statewide media campaign,
31 and support to the AIDS Task Force;

32 (8) Develop a statewide AIDS resource referral center and case
33 management services to facilitate and coordinate medical and support
34 services for AIDS; and

35 (9) Perform such other actions it considers necessary to administer the
36 program.

37 (b) The Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the program."

38 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
39 Human Resources the sum of six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) for
40 the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of six million five hundred thousand dollars
41 (\$6,500,000) for the 1990-91 fiscal year to establish and administer the statewide and
42 community-based program of AIDS Prevention and Education established by Section 1
43 of this act. No more than twenty percent (20%) of the total allocation shall be used for

1 statewide programs and no less than ten percent (10%) of the total allocation shall be
2 used for grants to AIDS service organizations for training and support of volunteers.

3 Sec. 3. The Commission for Health Services shall adopt temporary rules
4 pursuant to the authority of this section and of G.S. 150B-13 to implement the
5 provisions of this act.

6 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.