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HOUSE BILL 428*

Short Title: Medicaid Resources Limits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Barnhill; Beard, Buchanan, Burke, Cooper, N. Crawford, Cunningham, Duncan, Fitch, H. Hunter, Jeralds, Jones, Locks, Michaux, and S. Thompson.

Referred to: Human Resources.

March 2, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADOPT A NEW MEDICAID RESOURCES LIMIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) Effective January 1, 1990, the Department of Human Resources shall adopt the Supplemental Security Income resources limits as the minimum resources limitations for the Medicaid program.

(b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Human Resources, the sum of three million nine hundred thirty-nine thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$3,939,650) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of three million nine hundred thirty-nine thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$3,939,650) for the 1990-91 fiscal year, to provide the State costs of providing the increased coverage mandated by this act.

(c) The Division of Human Resources, Department of Human Resources, shall study the provisions of the Catastrophic Health Care Act of 1987, in order to determine whether the federal provision that permits states to apply "less restrictive methodologies" to the resource test portion of the eligibility determination process will allow alternatives to current resource test policies that will simplify the determination process and treat applicants more equitably.

The Department shall make a written report, including any recommendations regarding alternative resource test policies, to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by March 1, 1990.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.