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SENATE BILL 35*

Short Title: Spec. Assist/Alt. Living.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Pitt, Carpenter, Cochrane, Dannelly, Purcell; and Perdue.

Referred to: Children & Human Resources.

February 4, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE USE OF FUNDS FOR ADULT SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ON ALTERNATIVE LIVING
ARRANGEMENTS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement a demonstration project to test the feasibility and cost of giving elderly and disabled adults who are eligible for State/County Special Assistance a choice of staying at home or entering an adult care facility. The Department shall use funds available for State/County Special Assistance for the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 fiscal years to make payments to eligible individuals in in-home living arrangements. Payments may be made for not more than 200 individuals for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. The Department shall make an interim progress report to members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services and to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging no later than June 30, 2000, and shall make a final report no later than October 1, 2001. The final report shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- (1) Cost savings that could occur by allowing individuals eligible for State/County Special Assistance the option to remain in the home.

- 1 (2) Which activities of daily living or other need criteria are reliable
2 indicators for identifying individuals with the greatest need for income
3 supplements for in-home living arrangements.
4 (3) How much case management is needed and which types of individuals
5 are most in need of case management.
6 (4) Findings and recommendations as to the feasibility of continuing or
7 expanding the demonstration project.
8 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999, and expires June 30, 2000.