

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 22\***

Short Title: Osteoporosis Education Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Carpenter, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Kinnaird, Lucas, Metcalf, Robinson, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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January 30, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OSTEOPOROSIS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to implement the following recommendations of the Osteoporosis Prevention Task Force:

- (1) Increase public awareness and education about osteoporosis, its impact, the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate management, and effective prevention strategies.
- (2) Increase osteoporosis education and outreach to diverse population groups in North Carolina.
- (3) Increase health and human services professionals' understanding of osteoporosis, its impact, the importance and skill required for early diagnosis and appropriate management and effective treatment strategies.
- (4) Provide access to knowledge on the prevalence, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of osteoporosis.
- (5) Improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention abilities of health and human services professionals.
- (6) Reduce barriers to diagnosis, treatment and prevention of osteoporosis for all North Carolina citizens.
- (7) Monitor the burden of illness and progress toward preventing osteoporosis in North Carolina citizens.

- 1           (8) Evaluate education and awareness, as well as efforts to improve  
2           diagnosis, treatment and prevention of osteoporosis.  
3           **SECTION 1.(b)** Funds appropriated in this section shall also be used to  
4 establish two positions to implement this program.  
5           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.