

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1220

Short Title: Osteoporosis Education Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weiss, Clary, McAllister, L. Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Alexander, B. Allen, L. Allen, Bordsen, Bowie, Carney, Coates, Dickson, Earle, England, Farmer-Butterfield, Fox, Glazier, Holliman, Howard, Insko, Jeffus, Justice, Justus, Luebke, McLawhorn, McMahan, Michaux, Parmon, Preston, Rapp, Ross, Walend, Warren, C. Wilson, Wright, and Yongue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 14, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OSTEOPOROSIS AWARENESS AND
2 EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one hundred fifty thousand
7 dollars (\$150,000) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred fifty
8 thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to
9 implement the following recommendations of the Osteoporosis Prevention Task Force:

- 10 (1) Increase public awareness and education about osteoporosis, its
11 impact, the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate
12 management, and effective prevention strategies.
- 13 (2) Increase osteoporosis education and outreach to diverse population
14 groups in North Carolina.
- 15 (3) Increase health and human services professionals' understanding of
16 osteoporosis, its impact, and the importance and skill required for early
17 diagnosis, appropriate management, and effective treatment strategies.
- 18 (4) Provide access to knowledge on the prevalence, diagnosis, treatment,
19 and prevention of osteoporosis.
- 20 (5) Improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention abilities of health and
21 human services professionals.
- 22 (6) Reduce barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis
23 for all North Carolina citizens.

1 (7) Monitor the burden of illness and progress toward preventing
2 osteoporosis in North Carolina citizens.

3 (8) Evaluate education and awareness as well as efforts to improve
4 diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis.

5 **SECTION 1.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds for
6 osteoporosis awareness and education be included in the continuation budget. Funds
7 appropriated in this section shall also be used to establish two positions to implement
8 this program.

9 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.