

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 2111

Short Title: Fund Legal Services in Foreclosure Cases. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Church, Carney, Grady, Weiss (Primary Sponsors);
Dickson, Fisher, Glazier, Harrison, Insko, Jones, Luebke, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
3 FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENTS TO BE
4 USED FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO HELP PREVENT
5 FORECLOSURE AND HOME LOSS AND PRESERVE HOME EQUITY
6 AMONG LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
7 HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOME FORECLOSURES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
10 Carolina State Bar the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal
11 year to make grants to the North Carolina Legal Service Providers who provide legal
12 services to help prevent foreclosure and home loss and preserve home equity among
13 low-income consumers. The grants shall be made available to Legal Services of
14 Southern Piedmont, Pisgah Legal Services, Legal Aid Society of Northwest North
15 Carolina, the Land Loss Prevention Project, Legal Aid of North Carolina, and the
16 Financial Protection Law Center for the provision of legal assistance to low-income
17 consumers in cases involving predatory mortgage lending, mortgage broker and loan
18 services abuses, foreclosure defense, and other legal issues that relate to helping
19 low-income consumers avoid home loss, foreclosure, and preserve home equity.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.