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HOUSE BILL 335

Short Title: Health Disparities Initiatives. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; Alexander, Coleman, Cunningham, Earle, Faison, Glazier, Harrison, Insko, Underhill, Wainwright, Weiss, Womble, and Wray.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Appropriations.

February 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY
FOCUSED ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES INITIATIVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to support the Community Focused Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (CFEHDI). The CFEHDI focuses on the use of prevention measures to support healthy lifestyles for faith-based and community-based organizations, local health departments, and American Indian Tribes. Grants under this section shall be awarded for the purpose of closing the gap in the health status of African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians as compared to Caucasians in the following areas: infant mortality, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, cancer, diabetes, homicides, and motor vehicle deaths.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.