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HOUSE BILL 722*

Short Title: Early Intervention; Deaf/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Green; Barnhill, Bowman, J. Brown, Cole, Cunningham, Fitch, Fussell, Hall, Joye, Luebke, Mavretic, Nichols, Russell, Smith, Stamey, Stewart, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 5, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH EARLY INTERVENTION
2 AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS FOR DEAF AND HARD OF
3 HEARING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.
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5 Whereas, the early identification of hearing loss and subsequent appropriate
6 early intervention with the child and the family are the most critical factors in the
7 success of deaf and hard of hearing children; and

8 Whereas, the history of early intervention for deaf and hard of hearing has
9 been plagued by controversy and bias that often resulted in lost learning opportunities
10 for deaf and hard of hearing children; and

11 Whereas, the evaluation and referral of deaf and hard of hearing children has
12 been inconsistent in quality, and often accompanied by bias for a particular mode of
13 communication; and

14 Whereas, the families of deaf and hard of hearing children have been without
15 the emotional support, counseling, and education necessary for successful parenting;
16 and

17 Whereas, educators of deaf and hard of hearing children need access to
18 educational resources and in-service training; Now, therefore,
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of the
21 Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Department of Human Resources, the sum of seven hundred
22 seventy-one thousand dollars (\$771,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of nine

1 hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$913,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year, to establish
2 and operate three Early Intervention and Educational Resource Centers for Deaf and
3 Hard of Hearing Children and their Families, in existing facilities on or near the
4 campuses of schools for the deaf.

5 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.