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HOUSE BILL 711

Short Title: State Government Model Child Day Care Facility.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Mosley; Adams, Alexander, Boyd-McIntyre, Earle, Easterling, R. Hunter, Jeffus, Morris, Nye, Redwine, Smith, Sutton, Tolson, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 31, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PLANNING A MODEL CHILD DAY CARE FACILITY FOR STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE VICINITY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMPLEX IN RALEIGH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The Department of Administration shall proceed, as allowed under G.S. 143-64.50, to develop a plan to establish a model "State of the Arts" child day care facility in the vicinity of the State government complex in Raleigh for children of State employees. The Department may contract with an independent consultant to assist in developing this plan. The plan shall include at a minimum an assessment of the following:

- (1) The number of children to be served and the distribution of their ages;
- (2) Which employees could be served by the facility and how day care slots will be allotted;
- (3) What the facility's quality standards, staff salaries and professional qualifications, and hours of operation will be;
- (4) Whether the facility should be supported in whole or in part by fees charged to the parents and the annual appropriation that would be required to operate the facility;

1 (5) The possible sites for the facility and which site would best serve the
2 needs of the facility; and

3 (6) The possible day care providers with whom the Department could
4 contract to provide the child day care services for the facility and a
5 recommendation as to whom the contract should be awarded and why.

6 (b) The Department shall confer with the Wake County Smart Start
7 partnership in assessing the needs for the facility, identifying community resources to aid
8 in this effort, and determining the impact of adding the additional child day care slots by
9 establishing the facility.

10 (c) The Department shall establish an Advisory Committee to assist the
11 Department in this effort. At least one member of the Committee shall be a
12 representative from the Division of Child Development, Department of Human
13 Resources, and a representative from the day care facility at SAS Institute of Cary, North
14 Carolina.

15 (d) The Department shall present its plan to establish the State employee
16 model child day care facility to the General Assembly by February 1, 1998.

17 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
18 Administration the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to
19 plan the State employee model child day care facility.

20 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.