

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 409

Short Title: Funds for Interpreter Services. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; Adams, Alexander, B. Allen, Bell, Cunningham, Earle, Faison, Glazier, Jeffus, Jones, Lucas, Luebke, McAllister, McLawhorn, Parmon, Pierce, Wainwright, Warren, Weiss, Womble, and Wray.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 1, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES IN LOCAL HEALTH
3 DEPARTMENTS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of three million three hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of three million
9 three hundred thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds
10 shall be allocated to local health departments to hire qualified interpreters to ensure
11 public health compliance with federal law that requires agencies receiving federal funds
12 to provide language services for Limited English Proficient clients. These funds may
13 also be used to provide incentives for recruiting and hiring bilingual staff and may be
14 used by the Department to support one FTE, Interpretive Services Coordinator position,
15 training interpreters, and continuing education for training facilitators.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.