

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 114

Short Title: Osteoporosis Education Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Albertson, Allran, Atwater, Bingham, Boseman, Dannelly, Dorsett, Forrester, Garrou, Garwood, Hartsell, Holloman, Jenkins, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lucas, Malone, Rand, Snow, and Swindell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 14, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION TASK FORCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. These funds shall be used as follows:

- (1) Increase public awareness and education about osteoporosis, its impact, the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate management, and effective prevention strategies.
- (2) Increase osteoporosis education and outreach to diverse population groups in North Carolina.
- (3) Increase health and human services professionals' understanding of osteoporosis, its impact, and the importance of and skill required for early diagnosis, appropriate management, and effective treatment strategies.
- (4) Provide access to knowledge on the prevalence, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis.
- (5) Improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention abilities of health and human services professionals.
- (6) Reduce barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis for all North Carolina citizens.
- (7) Monitor the burden of illness and progress toward preventing osteoporosis in North Carolina's citizens.
- (8) Evaluate education and awareness as well as efforts to improve diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis.

- 1 **SECTION 1.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds for
2 osteoporosis awareness and education be included in the continuation budget.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.