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HOUSE BILL 577*

Short Title: Funds For Healthy Carolinians. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weiss, Earle, M. Alexander, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); Bell, Bryant, Carney, Coates, Faison, Fisher, Hall, Hughes, Jones, Lucas, Luebke, McLawhorn, Pierce, Tarleton, Wainwright, E. Warren, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 16, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTHY CAROLINIANS PARTNERSHIPS HEALTH PROMOTION INITIATIVES IN EACH COUNTY.

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 one million ten thousand dollars (\$1,010,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of one million ten thousand dollars (\$1,010,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Of these funds, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be allocated to each county health department to support the necessary infrastructure in the county to create or maintain health promotion partnerships to carry out locally defined initiatives inclusive of women and children, minority populations, and aging populations.

SECTION 1.(b) In order to receive funds under subsection (a) of this section, each county shall (i) obtain certification as a member of the Healthy Carolinians Partnership, (ii) ensure that its partnership meets established standards developed by the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians, and (iii) ensure that its partnership aligns with the North Carolina 2010 health objectives.

SECTION 1.(c) Of funds appropriated under this section, the Department may use up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in each fiscal year to support the work of the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

