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HOUSE BILL 499

Short Title: Funds for Down Syndrome Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Bradford.

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Referred to: Appropriations

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FOR DOWN SYNDROME PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, to be used exclusively to support programs across the State that are designed to assist individuals with Down Syndrome and their families in developing for the individual with Down Syndrome an independent adult life. The Department shall not allocate funds appropriated under this section to any program that does not have a proven record of providing at least one of the following services to adult individuals with Down Syndrome:

- (1) Assistance with dignified integration into the community.
- (2) Housing assistance.
- (3) Job training, job placement, or both.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

