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HOUSE BILL 1802

Short Title: Adoptions Assistance Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Duncan.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 8, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EQUALIZE THE ADOPTION ASSISTANCE MONTHLY CASH PAYMENTS WITH THE FOSTER CARE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 4 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 108A-50.1. Adoption assistance and foster care payments to be equal.

Adoption assistance monthly cash payments granted to a child in accordance with G.S. 108A-49 and G.S. 108A-50 shall not be less than monthly benefits in the form of foster care assistance being received by such child at the time the child is placed for adoption. The intent of this provision is to equalize adoption assistance benefits and foster care assistance benefits granted on behalf of an individual child."

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources the sum of \$643,653 for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of \$668,714 for the 1990-91 fiscal year to increase the adoption assistance monthly cash payment rate so that it is equal to the foster care board rate.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.