

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 541\***

Short Title: Early Intervention Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Richardson; Edwards, Walker, Lee, Forrester, Cochrane, Ballance, and Perdue.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 24, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND RELATED SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the sum of two million five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$2,510,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of three million five hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$3,520,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for early intervention services. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$750,000 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and \$750,000 for the 1994-95 fiscal year, to extend the services to an additional 5,000 to 8,000 eligible families;
- (2) \$810,000 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and \$1,620,000 for the 1994-95 fiscal year, to add two positions at each Developmental Evaluation Center in order to serve the 3,000 eligible children in need of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy;
- (3) \$200,000 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and \$400,000 for the 1994-95 fiscal year, to hire 10 specially trained nutritionists for the 10 Developmental Evaluation Centers that do not currently have one; and
- (4) \$750,000 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and \$750,000 for the 1994-95 fiscal year, for Children's Special Health Services for the estimated 1,000 eligible children.