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HOUSE BILL 296*

Short Title: Home Visit Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright, Easterling; Adams, Hill, and Luebke.

Referred to: Health and Environment, if favorable, Appropriations.

February 23, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE HOME VISITING SERVICES
2 FOR CERTAIN FAMILIES, AND TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERAGENCY
3 COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE FAMILY OUTREACH PROGRAM.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, Division of Maternal and Child Health, the
8 sum of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the
9 sum of one million fifty thousand dollars (\$1,050,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to
10 establish the Family Outreach Program to provide home visiting services for families at
11 risk for child abuse and neglect. The program shall be based on the Baby Love-Maternal
12 Outreach Worker model, and funds shall be used to enhance the Child Services
13 Coordination program and to provide 40 family outreach workers.

14 Sec. 2. The Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources,
15 Division of Maternal and Child Health, shall convene an interagency committee to
16 evaluate the Family Outreach Program established under Section 1 of this act. The
17 evaluation shall include recommendations to the Division for continual program
18 improvement in the following areas:

- 19 (1) The identification and referral process,
20 (2) Maximum case loads,

- 1 (3) Service delivery, including length of service to families and intensity of
2 services,
3 (4) Expected outcomes,
4 (5) Site selection for program implementation,
5 (6) How Medicaid reimbursement dollars are used, and
6 (7) Training program personnel.
7 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.