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SENATE BILL 1413

Short Title: Funds for Diabetes Awareness and Detection. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Carpenter, Purcell, Forrester, Nesbitt; Albertson, Bingham, Blake, Foxx, Garwood, Hargett, Hartsell, Hunt, Kinnaird, Lucas, Moore, Queen, Rucho, Shubert, Smith, Stevens, Tillman, Weinstein, and White.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 28, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS AND DETECTION
3 ACTIVITIES.
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5 Whereas, the prevalence of diabetes increased among North Carolinians by
6 75% between 1995 and 2003; and

7 Whereas, the number of people with diabetes in North Carolina has surpassed
8 650,000 and continues to increase with the rise in obesity; and

9 Whereas, an estimated 340,900 North Carolinians have prediabetes (glucose
10 intolerance), and

11 Whereas, diabetes is responsible for approximately 14,500 hospitalizations
12 per year and more than 2,900 lower extremity amputations in North Carolina; and

13 Whereas, in 2002, diabetes was the fifth leading cause of death in North
14 Carolina, resulting in 2,204 deaths; and

15 Whereas, in 2002, estimated hospitalization costs for people with diabetes
16 totaled more than \$2,400,000,000, and costs are increasing; and

17 Whereas, new research has demonstrated that control of blood sugar levels
18 decreases the risk of diabetes-related complications such as blindness, amputations,
19 kidney failure, heart attacks, and strokes; and

20 Whereas, new research has also demonstrated that physical activity and
21 minimal weight loss can reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58%; and

22 Whereas, American Indian and African-American populations have higher
23 proportions of people affected by diabetes than Caucasian populations, 19.4%, 12.2%,
24 and 7.2%, respectively; Now, therefore,

25 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

26 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
27 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one

1 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall
2 be used to conduct an awareness campaign to raise diabetes awareness in the State's
3 most at-risk communities. Funds may be used for radio spots, posters and brochures,
4 agency fees, and a dedication toll-free telephone line.

5 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.