

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE DRH60310-LG-221 (03/30)

Short Title: Funds/Study Deaf/Hard of Hearing Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Nye.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR BEGINNINGS FOR PARENTS OF
CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING, INC.

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 Public Health, the sum of ninety thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$90,475) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of ninety-nine thousand five hundred twenty-three dollars (\$99,523) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to BEGINNINGS For Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc., to conduct a longitudinal study to assess the outcomes of the Newborn Hearing Screening and Early Intervention for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs and to assess the progress of children who are deaf and hard of hearing as they progress through preschool programs to kindergarten enrollment.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.