GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

H HOUSE BILL 364*

Short Title: Healthy Carolinians Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weiss, Womble, Hill, L. Allen (Primary Sponsors);

Adams, Alexander, B. Allen, Barnhart, Bell, Bordsen, Carney, Coleman, Dickson, Earle, England, Fisher, Glazier, Goodwin, Haire, Harrison, Hunter, Insko, Jones, LaRoque, Luebke, McLawhorn, Michaux, Nye, Parmon, Pate, Pierce, Preston, Rapp, Ross, Sherrill, Tolson, Tucker,

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTHY CAROLINIANS PARTNERSHIPS HEALTH PROMOTION INITIATIVES IN EACH COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one million seventy-five thousand dollars (\$1,075,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Of these funds, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be allocated to each county in the State to establish and sustain the necessary infrastructure in the county to create or maintain health promotion partnerships to carry out locally defined initiatives inclusive of women and children, minority populations, and aging populations.

SECTION 1.(b) In order to receive funds under subsection (a) of this section, each county shall ensure that its partnership meets established standards developed by the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians and aligns with the North Carolina 2010 health objectives. The Division of Public Health shall monitor these standards. Counties shall provide documentation to the Department evidencing an in-kind contribution or match of at least fifty percent (50%) of funds received under this section from local partnerships to provide space, equipment, and supplies.

SECTION 1.(c) Of funds appropriated under this section, the Department may use up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to support the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians midcourse review of the North Carolina 2010 health objectives and provide a report on its findings, data, and technical assistance to the Healthy Carolinians Partnerships.

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