

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 1469**

Short Title: Funds for Cochlear Implants.

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko; Bell, Faison, Glazier, and Spear.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 16, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE  
3 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ASSIST DEAF CHILDREN WITH  
4 COCHLEAR IMPLANTS TO DEVELOP SPOKEN LANGUAGE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
7 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five hundred thousand  
8 dollars (\$500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred thousand  
9 dollars (\$500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the  
10 Center for the Acquisition of Spoken Language through Listening Enrichment  
11 (CASTLE), which is operated by the Carolina Children's Communicative Disorders  
12 Program of The University of North Carolina Health Care System. These funds shall be  
13 used to train teachers and therapists across the State to work with deaf preschool-age  
14 children with cochlear implants and to provide oral preschool classes to these children.

15       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.