## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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Short Title: Funds for Harm Reduction Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright, Harrison, Adams, and Fisher (Primary Sponsors).

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THREE COMMUNITY-BASED HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS.

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 five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The State Health Director and local boards of health may implement three community-based harm reduction programs as part of a comprehensive Hepatitis C and HIV disease prevention program. Funds appropriated in this section shall be used to support these programs to provide access to sterile syringes, case management services, outreach, transportation, referrals for housing and medical care, and other services that will further the purposes of this act.

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