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SENATE BILL 554

Short Title: Funds/Autism Early Intervention. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Garrou; Atwater, Boseman, Brunstetter, Clodfelter, Dannelly, Forrester, Jenkins, Malone, Purcell, and Rand.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 7, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF NORTH
2 CAROLINA FOR THE ASD PARTNERS TRAINING PROGRAM.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
5 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
6 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of four million two hundred
7 thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be
8 allocated for the development of seven model programs of early intervention for autism
9 across the Sate. Early intervention with children with autism includes children from
10 birth to age 10.

11 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Autism
12 Society of North Carolina, a nonprofit organization, the sum of seven hundred fifty
13 thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be used
14 for the ASD Partners Training Program.

15 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
16 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall work
17 with the Autism Society of North Carolina to identify community partners and resources
18 to combine with State dollars to develop model programs in the following areas: Pitt,
19 New Hanover, Wake, Forsyth, Cumberland, Mecklenburg, and Buncombe Counties.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Autism Society of North Carolina shall enhance its
21 training initiative (ASD Partners) to collaborate with the model programs developed
22 under Section 2 of this act. The training staff of the Autism Society of North Carolina
23 shall work to expand early intervention practices to other community providers,
24 including local school systems.

25 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.
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