

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE BILL 278\***

Short Title: Funds/Justus-Warren Task Force Recs. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Dorsett and Forrester.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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February 24, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEART/STROKE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND  
3 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS  
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE JUSTUS-WARREN HEART DISEASE AND STROKE  
5 PREVENTION TASK FORCE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly supports the recommendations of the Stroke  
8 Advisory Council, as approved by the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task  
9 Force in January 2009. Initial charges to the Task Force were:

- 10 (1) The Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force shall  
11 work with health care providers across the State to establish a system of  
12 regionally distributed and locally determined stroke care networks for the  
13 State.  
14 (2) The Stroke Advisory Council shall include in its comprehensive plan a  
15 process for identifying and disseminating information about certified  
16 primary stroke centers in order to assist in the configuration and operation of  
17 regional systems of stroke care.

18 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
19 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three hundred fifty thousand  
20 dollars (\$350,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred fifty thousand  
21 dollars (\$350,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the Heart  
22 Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch for continuation of public awareness campaigns and  
23 communication strategies in partnership with the American Heart Association/American Stroke  
24 Association on stroke signs and symptoms and the importance of immediate response.

25 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
26 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of fifty thousand dollars  
27 (\$50,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the  
28 2010-2011 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated for continued operations of the Stroke  
29 Advisory Council.

30 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

