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Short Title: Infant Mortality Prevention/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn and E. Warren (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PREVENT INFANT MORTALITY
4 IN NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD
5 FATALITY TASK FORCE.

6 Whereas, the 2010 infant mortality rate in North Carolina was 7.0 infant deaths per
7 1,000 live births; and

8 Whereas, there is an 11.4% decline from the 2009 rate; and

9 Whereas, there has been a 45% decline in this rate in the past two decades, yet
10 North Carolina still ranks 41st among the states; and

11 Whereas, much of the decline in the infant mortality rate can be attributed to an
12 array of services that were either eliminated or reduced during recent budget cuts; and

13 Whereas, the NC Child Fatality Task Force identified the high-risk maternity clinic
14 operated at East Carolina University School of Medicine as one of the key services aimed at
15 preventing infant mortality; Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
18 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three hundred seventy-five
19 thousand dollars (\$375,000) in recurring funds for the East Carolina University School of
20 Medicine to continue to operate a high-risk maternity clinic to improve the birth outcomes of
21 women in the 29 eastern counties.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2012.

