

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE BILL 906**

Short Title: Adoption Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Wainwright; Adams, Aldridge, Alexander, Allred, Baddour, Beall, Black, Bonner, Bowie, Braswell, Church, Cole, Culpepper, Cunningham, Davis, Dedmon, Dockham, Earle, Easterling, Fitch, Fox, Gamble, Gardner, Goodwin, Grady, Hardaway, Hensley, Hightower, Hill, Howard, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Hurley, Insko, Ives, Jarrell, Jeffus, Kinney, Luebke, McAllister, McCombs, McCrary, Mercer, Michaux, Mitchell, Moore, Mosley, Nesbitt, Nichols, Nye, Oldham, Owens, Preston, Redwine, Rogers, Saunders, Smith, Sutton, Tolson, Warner, Warwick, Watson, Wilkins, C. Wilson, Womble, Wood, Wright, and Yongue.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 10, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE PLACEMENT FOR  
ADOPTION OF SPECIAL NEEDS AND OTHER CHILDREN.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is established in the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, a Special Needs Adoption Advocacy Fund. The Department shall allocate monies from the Fund to licensed public and private adoption agencies in North Carolina to assist in the placement in adoptive homes of special needs, difficult-to-place foster children, including sibling groups. The Department shall allocate to the agency not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per child placed.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Special Needs Adoption Advocacy Fund, the sum of three hundred

- 1 thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred  
2 thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for implementation of this act.  
3           Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.