

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 941*

Short Title: Voc. Rehab/Independent Living Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Watson; Aldridge, Alexander, Beall, Black, Buchanan, Church, Crawford, Davis, Easterling, Fox, Gardner, Goodwin, Hill, Insko, Ives, Jeffus, Nye, Owens, Ramsey, Rayfield, Russell, Sexton, Wainwright, Wilkins, and Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 14, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THE INDEPENDENT LIVING REHABILITATION PROGRAM WITH THE RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR MORE SERVICE AND STAFF PARITY AMONG EXISTING OFFICES, TO SERVE CLIENTS MORE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY AND REDUCE CLIENT BACKLOG, AND TO COMPLETE THE 1996 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of two million five hundred seventy-eight thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$2,578,370) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of two million seven hundred eighty thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars (\$2,780,955) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide funds for services and service staff in underfunded existing offices, computer technology, and staff at the State level needed to enable the Independent Living Rehabilitation Program to serve adequately all of the counties of North Carolina with similar services.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.