

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 177*

Short Title: Increase in CAP Income Limits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Carter, Dannelly, Forrester, Harris, and Metcalf.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 19, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO INCREASE THE COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
4 (CAP) INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
5 THEREFOR.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Effective October 1, 2001, the Department of Health and
8 Human Services shall increase the income eligibility limit for the Community
9 Alternatives Program (CAP) to three hundred percent (300%) of income eligibility for
10 federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. The Department shall allow
11 individuals to deduct the same amount in maintenance allowance to support the
12 recipient's spouse in the community as allowed for individuals in nursing homes.

13 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
14 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of five million six hundred
15 ninety-nine thousand five hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$5,699,558) for the 2001-2002
16 fiscal year and the sum of fourteen million nine hundred fifty-four thousand one
17 hundred twenty-six dollars (\$14,954,126) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. These funds
18 shall be used to implement the increase in CAP eligibility as provided for in Section 1
19 of this act. Funds appropriated in this section shall be used to cover the increase in
20 eligibility for the Community Alternatives Program and also to provide additional slots
21 for the Program.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.