

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 **SECTION 1.(a)** Any person who, as a result of the Eugenics Sterilization Program
3 in this State, was sterilized between the years 1929 and 1975 shall receive compensation as
4 provided for in this section if the person submits a claim before June 30, 2014.

5 **SECTION 1.(b)** A claim under this section may be submitted to the Department of
6 Health and Human Services. The claim shall be supported by appropriate verification and
7 information as determined by the Department.

8 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Department shall determine the eligibility of a claimant to
9 receive the compensation authorized by this section. The Department shall notify the claimant
10 by mail of its determination regarding the claimant's eligibility.

11 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Department shall adopt rules that will assist in the fair
12 determination of eligibility and the processing of claims. The Department, however, shall not
13 be obligated to notify any person of possible eligibility for compensation.

14 **SECTION 1.(e)** A claimant under this section who is determined eligible by the
15 Department shall receive twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). All claims which the Department
16 determines are eligible for compensation shall be immediately forwarded to the State Treasurer,
17 who shall issue warrants in the appropriate amounts upon demand and verification of identity.

18 **SECTION 2.** There is established the Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Fund.
19 Funds appropriated to this Fund shall not revert until the claims verified by the Department of
20 Health and Human Services under Section 1 of this act are paid. The Fund shall be kept on
21 deposit with the State Treasurer, as in the case of other State funds, and may be invested by the
22 State Treasurer in any lawful security for the investment of State money. The Fund is subject to
23 the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General
24 Statutes.

25 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Treasurer
26 the sum of eighteen million four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$18,480,000) for the
27 2009-2010 fiscal year to fund the Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Fund. There is
28 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum
29 of one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to
30 administer Section 1 of this act.

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