GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 310

Short Title:	Funds/Stroke Ambulance Treatment System.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Garrou; Atwater and Purcell.	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget.	

February 26, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HYPERBARIC OXYGEN CHAMBER EQUIPPED STROKE TREATMENT AMBULANCE.

Whereas, North Carolina has one of the highest stroke rates in the United States; and

Whereas, in 2005 the total stroke hospital charges in North Carolina amounted to $540,000,000; and

Whereas, the only FDA-approved medication for treatment of stroke is Tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA); and

Whereas, the FDA imposes a three-hour post-stroke time limit for administration of tPA; and

Whereas, a Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber Equipped Stroke Treatment Ambulance would extend the three-hour FDA-approved window for administration of tPA and produce a synergistic improvement of the positive benefit of tPA treatment resulting in better stroke treatment for thousands of North Carolina residents every year; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Wake Forest University Health Sciences the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the development of a Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber Equipped Stroke Treatment Ambulance.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.