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H 132. MEDICAID REF. STUDY/COUNTY SHARE PHASE OUT. *TO PHASE OUT THE COUNTY SHARE OF THE NONFEDERAL SHARE OF MEDICAID COSTS OVER A SIX-YEAR PERIOD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TOTAL COUNTY SHARE DURING THE PHASE-OUT PERIOD SHALL NOT EXCEED THE COUNTY SHARE PAID BY EACH COUNTY FOR THE 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT IN CERTAIN COUNTIES THE COUNTY SHARE SHALL BE FURTHER REDUCED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MEDICAID REFORM.* Reduces the county share of the nonfederal share of Medicaid program costs by 2.5% each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, until the county share reaches 0%. In any fiscal year in which the county share results in an amount higher than the county share amount paid for the 2004-05 fiscal year after the reduction in percentage of the county share, the county share shall be the amount paid for the 2004-05 fiscal year. Beginning July 1, 2010, the nonfederal share of the Medicaid program shall be paid by the State. Provides that in counties where the number of Medicaid-eligible individuals in a given fiscal year exceeds 25% of the county population, the county's share shall be two-thirds of the reduced share for that fiscal year, or the county share for the 2004-05 fiscal year, whichever is less. Amends GS 108A-54 to reflect the assumption by the State of the nonfederal share of Medicaid program costs beginning in 2010. Effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Nye.

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GS 108A