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S 803. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FUNDS. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANTS. Appropriates \$11 million for 2005-06 from General Fund to Dep't of Health & Human Services, Div'n of Public Health. Of those funds, \$6 million is to be used for federally qualified health centers and for health centers that meet the criteria for federally qualified health centers and \$5 million is to be used for specified projects by State-designated rural health centers and public health departments and other organizations that serve medically underserved populations. Of that \$5 million, \$140,000 must be allocated to the Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Rural Health Development to assist communities interested in developing safety net programs. Requires that the Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Rural Health Development work with the NC Community Health Center Association and the NC Public Health Association to establish an advisory committee to develop a process for awarding grants. No more than 1% of appropriated funds may be used to reimburse the Office for administering the grant programs. Grant recipients must provide to the Office written reports as described in the act. Effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Hartsell.

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