March 13, 2007

H 609. FUNDS FOR AUTISM EARLY INTERVENTION. Filed 3/13/07. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE ASD PARTNERS TRAINING PROGRAM.

Appropriates \$4.2 million for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, to be allocated for the development of seven model programs of early intervention for autism across the state. Directs the Division to work with the Autism Society of North Carolina to develop model programs in Pitt, New Hanover, Wake, Forsyth, Cumberland, Mecklenburg, and Buncombe counties and directs that the Department contract directly with the providers of these programs. Appropriates \$750,000 for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Autism Society of North Carolina for the ASD Partners Training Program and requires the training staff to work to expand early intervention practices to other community providers. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Crawford.

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