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**H 97. WIN A STEP UP FUNDS.** Filed 2/7/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES, FOR THE WIN A STEP UP PROGRAM FOR NURSE AIDES EMPLOYED BY NURSING HOMES, AND FOR A PILOT OF THE WIN A STEP UP PROGRAM FOR NURSE AIDES EMPLOYED BY HOME CARE AGENCIES, AND TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF BECOMING A SELF-SUSTAINING PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.* (1) Appropriates \$200,000 for 2007-08 and \$325,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Facility Services, to continue the WIN A STEP UP (Workforce Improvement for Nursing Assistants: Supporting Training, Education, and Payment for Upgrading Performance) program for nurse aides employed by nursing homes, and (2) appropriates \$200,000 for 2007-08 and \$200,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Facility Services, to develop, pilot, and evaluate a WIN A STEP UP program for nurse aides employed by home care agencies. Requires the WIN A STEP UP program to study the feasibility of becoming a self-sustaining program and report the results to the Study Commission on Aging and the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services by May 1, 2008. Effective July 1, 2007.

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