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**H 947. ROOT OUT POVERTY/TASK FORCE FUNDS.** Filed 3/31/09. *CREATING A PERMANENT STATEWIDE POVERTY TASK FORCE; ESTABLISHING TWO NEW PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEDICATED TO POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.*

Enacts new GS 143-750 to establish a Statewide Poverty Task Force. Provides that the Task Force is to consist of thirty members, with ten members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (five members of the House and five members of the public), ten by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (five members of the Senate and five members of the public), and ten by the Governor (eight members of the public and one each upon recommendation of the N.C. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the N.C. Latino Coalition). Provides for eight ex-officio members from specified state agencies. Task Force is directed to develop goals and approaches to poverty reduction and elimination. Requires annual report to the Governor and General Assembly by March 1 of each year. Provides for travel and subsistence expenses of Task Force members. Appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) \$150,000 in 2009-10 and \$150,000 in 2010-11 to fund salaries and support costs for two positions dedicated to interdepartmental collaboration to advance poverty reduction and economic recovery. Also appropriates from the General Fund to DHHS \$150,000 in 2009-10 and \$150,000 in 2010-11 to fund the work of the Task Force. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Pierce.**

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