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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Senate Bill 704

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Amends Title [NO]
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Date _____, 2020

Senator Robinson

1 moves to amend the bill on page 8, lines 38-39, by inserting the following between the lines:

2 "(25) \$20,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide
3 flexible funds to support local health departments, rural health providers, the
4 State lab, and mental health and crisis services. Services may include
5 increasing nurse capacity and adding community health workers; expanding
6 telehealth services; nursing and adult care home infection control support and
7 training; and support for behavioral crisis services to divert mental health
8 emergencies from emergency departments.

9 (26) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide
10 funding for food banks, support for residential settings that are incurring
11 additional costs to mitigate spread or isolate positive cases (Special
12 Assistance), adult and child protective services response, support for homeless
13 and domestic violence shelters and housing security (prevention, diversion,
14 and rapid re-housing), child care response, costs to expand NCCARE360, a
15 Statewide coordinated care network that will connect individuals impacted by
16 COVID-19 to local services such as food, housing, child care and other
17 resources, and technology modifications to support COVID-19 emergency
18 relief to beneficiaries.

19 (27) \$61,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide
20 funds for rural and underserved communities especially hard hit by the
21 COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency flexible funds allocated in this
22 subdivision shall support health provider grants, targeted Medicaid assistance
23 for rural hardship grants to hospitals and other providers, enhanced Telehealth
24 services, transportation for critical services, health-care security for the
25 uninsured, the Office of Minority Health, and related items.

26 (28) \$22,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to provide funds for
27 continuity of critical school nutrition programs across the State. Schools are
28 currently providing more than 500,000 meals per day, a critical service that
29 cannot be easily transferred or assumed by another entity. At the same time,
30 estimated loss in revenue is at least eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) per
31 week. Funds shall be used to provide incentive pay for school nutrition and
32 transportation staff involved in the preparation and distribution of meals and



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- 1 food packages; to expand programs to include all family members; and to
2 ensure continued compensation to school nutrition workers. DPI, in
3 consultation with DHHS and Emergency Management, shall develop an
4 implementation plan."; and
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6 Moves to amend the bill on page 3, lines 45-46, by replacing "five hundred ninety eight million
7 ninety thousand dollars (\$598,090,000)" with "seven hundred twenty-six million ninety thousand
8 dollars (\$726,090,000)"; and
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10 Moves to amend the bill on page 4, lines 2-3, by replacing "six hundred twenty three million
11 ninety thousand dollars (\$623,090,000)" with "seven hundred fifty-one million ninety thousand
12 dollars (\$751,090,000)".

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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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