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SENATE BILL DRS35394-LGa-253

Short Title: Funds for Equity Before Birth. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock and Foushee (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO EQUITY BEFORE BIRTH.  
3 Whereas, over 60% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable; and  
4 Whereas, studies show paid parental leave dramatically improves birth outcomes for  
5 both the birthing person and the baby; and  
6 Whereas, supplemental income promotes financial security, which removes one of  
7 the largest barriers to receiving care, leading to less stress and better birth and recovery outcomes;  
8 and  
9 Whereas, Equity Before Birth, a maternal health nonprofit organization, works to  
10 improve the maternal health outcomes by providing supplemental income and sponsorship to  
11 families for services and support; Now, therefore,  
12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
13 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
14 Budget and Management the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in  
15 nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Equity Before  
16 Birth, a nonprofit organization, to supplement the income of mothers in the absence of paid  
17 parental leave and to cover the cost of essential services and support. These funds will help  
18 decrease maternal and infant mortality by helping those who are disproportionately impacted –  
19 Black mothers, birthing people, and their infants.  
20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

