



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 257

AMENDMENT NO. A26
(to be filled in by
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Amends Title [NO]
Second Edition

Date _____, 2025

Senator Murdock

1 moves to amend the bill on page 10, line 4, by decreasing the unappropriated balance for the
2 2025-2026 fiscal year by one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) in
3 nonrecurring funds; and

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5 on page 206, lines 42-43, by inserting between the lines a new section to read:

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7 **"DIRECTED GRANTS FOR VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT**
8 **MATERNAL HEALTH IN BLACK COMMUNITIES**

9 **SECTION 9H.6.** Notwithstanding any provision of law or the Committee Report
10 referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, funds appropriated in this act from the
11 General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, are
12 increased by the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) in
13 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide directed grants in equal amounts to
14 the following nonprofit organizations:

- 15 (1) Equity Before Birth to supplement the income of mothers in the absence of
16 paid parental leave and to cover the cost of essential services and support.
17 These funds will help decrease maternal and infant mortality by helping those
18 who are disproportionately impacted: Black mothers, birthing people, and
19 their infants.
- 20 (2) MAAME (Mobilizing African American Mothers through Empowerment),
21 Inc., to fill the gap of services that exists for marginalized communities who
22 are in between poverty and financial stability. These funds shall be used to
23 provide services to mothers who are not eligible to receive public services and
24 support and not able to afford these resources privately. MAAME will provide
25 education (as a means of empowerment), support, doula services, and
26 opportunities for economic advancement.
- 27 (3) Momma's Village-Fayetteville, Inc., to assist the organization with providing
28 access to African-centered birth and breastfeeding support, postpartum care,
29 and parenting education and mental health resources for Black families in
30 Fayetteville and the surrounding Sandhills region.
- 31 (4) Jace's Journey, Inc., to support the organization's programs that address racial
32 disparities in maternal health outcomes.



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- 1 (5) Sistas Caring 4 Sistas, Inc., to assist the organization in providing doula
2 services for birthing individuals and their families in the Buncombe County
3 area."; and
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5 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED _____
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

ADOPTED _____ FAILED _____ TABLED _____