

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS85032-LGz-50\* (02/15)**

Short Title: Child Death Research Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Atwater.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE CHILD DEATH RESEARCH AND  
3 INVESTIGATION IN NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD  
4 FATALITY TASK FORCE.

5 Whereas, more than 1,500 children die each year in North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, the General Assembly established the Child Fatality Prevention System in  
7 1991 to study child deaths and make recommendations to prevent future deaths; and

8 Whereas, a critical component of this system is the child death research and training  
9 in child death scene investigation performed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; and

10 Whereas, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has only two positions  
11 dedicated to these important functions, creating both delays and inefficiencies in the  
12 completion of these important functions; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
15 Health and Human Services, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the sum of sixty-five  
16 thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of sixty-five thousand  
17 dollars (\$65,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to establish a new child death research position  
18 and to reclassify a current research assistant position to a child death research position to better  
19 reflect job duties and responsibilities.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

