

U.S.C. § 710), for the 2015-2016 fiscal year or the 2016-2017 fiscal year, then those funds shall be transferred to the State Board of Education to be administered by the Department of Public Instruction. The Department of Public Instruction shall use the funds to establish an abstinence until marriage education program and shall delegate to one or more persons the responsibility of implementing the program and G.S. 115C-81(e1)(4) and (4a). The Department of Public Instruction shall carefully and strictly follow federal guidelines in implementing and administering the abstinence education grant funds.

"SECTION 12I.1.(y) The Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that there will be follow-up testing in the Newborn Screening Program.

"SECTION 12I.1.(z) The sum of one million five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$1,575,000) appropriated in this section in the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, for each year of the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium shall be used for evidence-based programs in counties with the highest infant mortality rates. The Division shall report on (i) the counties selected to receive the allocation, (ii) the specific evidenced-based services provided, (iii) the number of women served, and (iv) any impact on the counties' infant mortality rate. The Division shall report its findings to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division no later than December 31, 2016.

"SECTION 12I.1.(aa) The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) allocated in this section in the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, for each year of the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium for community-based sickle cell centers shall not be used to supplant existing State or federal funds.

"SECTION 12I.1.(bb) No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the funds provided in this section in the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship shall be used for administrative purposes. The balance of those funds shall be used for direct services."

PART XIII. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 13.1.(a) G.S. 19A-63(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

- "(1) The county or city offers one or more of the following programs to low-income persons on a year-round basis for the purpose of reducing the cost of spaying and neutering procedures for dogs and cats:
- a. A spay/neuter clinic operated by the county or city.
 - b. A spay/neuter clinic operated by a non-profit organization under contract or other arrangement with the county or city, ~~provided that the non-profit organization contracts with a local veterinarian to perform the spay/neuter procedures.~~ city.
 - c. A contract or contracts with one or more veterinarians, whether or not located within the county, to provide reduced-cost spaying and neutering procedures.
 - d. Subvention of the spaying and neutering costs incurred by low-income pet owners through the use of vouchers or other procedure that provides a discount of the cost of the spaying or neutering procedure fixed by a participating veterinarian.
 - e. Subvention of the spaying and neutering costs incurred by persons who adopt a pet from an animal shelter operated by or under contract with the county or city."

SECTION 13.1.(b) G.S. 19A-63(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

- "(2) Low-income person. – An individual who qualifies for one or more of the programs of public assistance administered by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Chapter 108A of the General Statutes or whose annual household income is lower than one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

Spay/Neuter