

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 543*

Short Title: Funds/Reach Out and Read Carolinas. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Krawiec, and D. Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR REACH OUT AND READ CAROLINAS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) recurring for each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to be allocated to Reach Out and Read Carolinas, an evidence-based nonprofit working through primary care providers to promote and foster language-rich interactions between parents and their young children by stimulating early brain development and healthy relationships and routines in families. Reach Out and Read Carolinas shall match the funds provided in this section with one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in private funds and in-kind contributions.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.



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