

**THE JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
ON THE
CONTINUATION, EXPANSION
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

House Bill 2436

**North Carolina General Assembly
2008 Session**

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52 Stroke Prevention

Provides funding for operation of Stroke Advisory Council, the continued implementation of public awareness campaign, and identification of stroke rehabilitation services throughout the state to establish a partnership with the NCcareLINK to disseminate information.

\$450,000 NR

53 North Carolina Arthritis Patient Services

Provides a grant-in-aid to the North Carolina Arthritis Patient Services to support activities.

\$50,000 NR

(6.0) Division of Social Services

54 Work First Cash Assistance

Reduces State appropriations for Work First Cash Assistance.

(\$9,352,223) R
(\$800,000) NR

55 Adjust State/County Special Assistance

Reduces funding for the State/County Special Assistance Program to the anticipated level of spending for FY 2008-09.

(\$2,500,000) R

56 State/County Special Assistance Rate Increase

Provides funding to increase the State/County Special Assistance Rate from \$1,173 to \$1,207 per month, effective January 1, 2009. Counties will provide matching funds, resulting in a total funding increase of \$5,707,272.

\$2,853,636 R

57 Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Payments

Provides funding to increase foster care and adoption assistance payments and to implement a new foster care reimbursement system, effective January 1, 2009.

\$8,193,369 R

58 Adoption Incentive

Provides \$1,000,000 in receipts (\$500,000 from the Social Services Block Grant and \$500,000 from county funds) to help the families of an additional 125 medically-fragile adopted children in meeting non-medical expenses.

59 Child Support Enforcement Fee Receipts

Increases budgeted receipts of \$1,800,000 in Child Support Enforcement (CSE) collected from a new federally-required fee for child support collections, effective October 1, 2007: \$1,200,000 for payment of federal receipts, \$450,000 for county-operated CSE offices, and \$150,000 to replace under-collected receipts in state-operated CSE offices.

60 Food Banks

Provides funding to be equally distributed to the regional network for food banks in North Carolina. Up to \$500,000 of the increased funding may be used to offset increased costs for fuel consumption related to transporting food.

\$1,500,000 NR

61 Child Advocacy Centers

Provides funding for grants-in-aid for each certified child advocacy center.

\$350,000 R