

## **SREB Contracted Spaces**

- Since 1950, North Carolina has contracted with Southern Regional Education Board for 98 spaces in health science disciplines in out-of-state institutions
- The contract for FY 06-07 is for  
84 Optometry spaces at:
  - University of Alabama – Birmingham
  - Southern College of Optometry
  - University of Houston
  - Pennsylvania College of Optometry
  - 7 Dental and 7 Medical at Meharry College

## **SREB (Continued)**

- The state spent \$968,000 on 83 enrolled students in FY 05-06 (69 optometry, 7 dentistry, and 7 medicine)
- The cost of this program is projected to increase \$263,335 in FY 07-08 and \$303,423 in FY 08-09.
- Are students obligated to return to the state and practice their profession?
  - NO
- Option – Combine with HSM program