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H 906. PHARMACIST PEER REVIEW. AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PHARMACIST PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS FOR IMPAIRED PHARMACISTS. Adds new GS 90-85.41 authorizing cited board to enter into agreements with special impaired pharmacist peer review organizations (which may be statewide supervisory committees or various regional and local components or subgroups). Under the agreements the organizations would receive relevant information from the board and other sources, conduct investigations, evaluate the performance of pharmacists investigated, provide confidentiality, and make reports and evaluations to the board, concerning the practices and practice patterns of licensed pharmacists, as such matters may relate to impaired pharmacists. Board is to adopt rules under which the organizations are to act and board is to provide funds to the operations of the organizations. Organization is to report immediately to the board if it determines that a pharmacist constitutes an imminent danger to the public or himself or herself, refuses to cooperate with the investigation or submit to treatment, is still impaired after treatment and exhibits professional incompetence, or gives other grounds for disciplinary action. Confidential information that comes to the organization is to be kept confidential and is not subject to discovery or subpoena in a civil case. Peer review activities conducted in good faith pursuant to the program operated by an organization is not to provide grounds for a civil action.

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