

March 23, 2005

S 804. PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE/ACCRED. RECOMMEND. *TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE BY ESTABLISHING AN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE 2004, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.* Enacts new GS 130A-34.1 effective October 1, 2005, establishing the 17-member Local Health Dep't Accreditation Board appointed by the Secretary of the Dep't of Health and Human Services. Requires that Board implement accreditation of local health departments over an eight-year period beginning January 1, 2006, and that Board ensure that all local health departments have applied for accreditation by December 1, 2014. Further requires that Comm'n for Health Services establish accreditation standards for local health departments, including those that evaluate each department's: (1) capacity to provide certain listed essential public health services; (2) facilities and administration; (3) staff competencies and training procedures or programs; and (4) governance and fiscal management. Accreditation process must include a self-assessment by the local health department, a site visit by a team of experts, and a final action by the Board on each department's accreditation status. Appropriates \$1.25 million for 2005-06 from the General Fund to the Dep't of Health and Human Services to be allocated to the Board to implement act's provisions, effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Hartsell.

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August 24, 2005

S 804. PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE/ACCRED. RECOMMEND. Intro. 3/23/05. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes language appropriating \$1.25 million to DHHS for the Local Health Department Accreditation Board. Makes technical changes.

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SL 2005-369 (S 804). EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION. *AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE BY ESTABLISHING AN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE 2004.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/23/05 and 8/24/05. Enacted September 8, 2005. Effective October 1, 2005.