

January 30, 2007

**H 50. JUSTUS-WARREN TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS.** Filed 1/30/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE JUSTUS-WARREN HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.* Appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health (Public Health) \$400,000 for 2007-08 and \$400,000 for 2008-09 to be used as matching funds for the NC Collaborative Stroke Registry. Appropriates the following amounts from the General Fund to Public Health to be allocated to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch: (1) \$150,000 for 2007-08 and \$150,000 for 2008-09 to contract with Area Health Education Centers to work with the North Carolina Collaborative Stroke Registry for professional workforce development, training, and communications initiatives; (2) \$300,000 for 2007-08 and \$300,000 for 2008-09 for the development of stroke public awareness campaigns; (3) \$10,000 for 2007-08 and \$10,000 for 2008-09 to conduct a follow-up study and gap analysis to assess stroke prevention and treatment in the state. Appropriates \$50,000 for 2007-08 and \$50,000 for 2008-09 to the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force (Task Force) to be allocated for operations of the Stroke Advisory Council. Directs the Task Force to establish a statewide stroke care network and directs the Stroke Advisory Council to include a process for providing information about the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations stroke centers in its 2008 comprehensive plan. Effective July 1, 2007.

**Intro. by Weiss.**

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March 29, 2007

**H 50. JUSTUS-WARREN TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS.** Filed 1/30/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes changes to the whereas clauses. Makes changes to Section 1 by directing the Stroke Advisory Council to include in its 2008 comprehensive plan a process for identifying and disseminating information about the primary stroke centers certified by nationally recognized accrediting bodies in addition to those certified by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Provides that the proposed funds allocated in Section 2(b) are to be used for contracting with entities such as Area Health Education Centers and NCOEMS (was, Area Health Education Centers) and adds the American Stroke Association to those that they can work with. Removes the ability to use the funds to develop professional workforce development, training, and communications initiatives. Modifies Section 2(c) by removing the ability to use the proposed funds for the development of public awareness campaigns and communication strategies and directs the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch to work in partnership with the American Stroke Association on the implementation of communication strategies. Modifies Section 2(d) by providing that the proposed funds are to be allocated to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch in partnership with the American Stroke Association, the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence, and the North Carolina Hospital Association.