

January 29, 2009

H 21. EUGENICS PROGRAM - SUPPORT AND EDUCATION. Filed 1/29/09.
TO PROVIDE COUNSELING BENEFITS TO EUGENICS SURVIVORS, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DATABASE OF EUGENICS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND VERIFY THE STATUS OF PERSONS CONTACTING THE STATE TO DETERMINE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE PROGRAM, TO ERECT A HISTORICAL MARKER ABOUT THE PROGRAM, TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN ITS K-12 HISTORY CURRICULUM, TO RECOMMEND CREATION OF AN ETHICS TRAINING MODULE FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES TO DIGITIZE EXISTING RECORDS FOR PRESERVATION AND STUDY PURPOSES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF THE EUGENICS STERILIZATION PROGRAM.

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop a proposal for providing behavioral health counseling services to confirmed survivors of the Eugenics Sterilization Program (Program), and report on its recommendations to the 2009 General Assembly by the time the 2010 regular session convenes.

Requires that DHHS create a database of individuals petitioned for sterilization, which will be developed in four phases in conjunction with the Department of Cultural Resources (DCR). States that database records are confidential and not subject to disclosure under GS 132-6(a). Appropriates \$38,648 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to DHHS to administer the creation of the database. Requires DHHS to compare the names and identifying information collected by the Office of Minority Health with those entered into the database, with verified program participants notified of their status as soon as possible. Requires DHHS to use available funds to conduct an outreach campaign to identify survivors, through means including news releases, public announcements, and joint efforts with relevant interest groups and agencies. Directs DHHS to report on its progress to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by the time the 2010 regular session convenes.

Directs DCR to design and place a historical marker providing information about the Program in an appropriate location in Raleigh. Requires DCR to report on its progress to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by the time the 2010 regular session convenes. Subject to availability of funds, directs DCR to create digitized copies of records maintained in state archives relating to the Program and make them available for research, while maintaining the confidentiality of participants. Requires DCR to attempt to secure philanthropic grant funding to preserve the records.

Directs the State Board of Education to include information about the Program in its existing K-12 history curricula. Requires the Board of Education to report on its progress to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by the time the 2010 regular session convenes.

Requires the UNC Board of Trustees to direct its students and faculty with appropriate expertise to interview and document experiences of survivors to share with future generations. Requires the Board of Trustees to report on its progress to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by the time the 2010 regular session convenes.

Requires the Office of State Personnel to create an ethics training module to educate state, county, and local government employees on issues relating to ethics and human rights.

Includes whereas clauses. Effective July 1, 2009.

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March 9, 2009

H 21. EUGENICS PROGRAM-SUPPORT AND EDUCATION. Filed 1/29/09. House committee amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Requires the Board of Trustees of each of the UNC constituent institutions (was, UNC Board of Trustees) to direct its students and faculty with the appropriate expertise to conduct interviews with survivors of the Eugenics Sterilization Program to document their experiences.

July 7, 2009

H 21. EUGENICS PROGRAM-SUPPORT AND EDUCATION. Filed 1/29/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Requires the Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) to report to the Legislative Study Commission on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (was, to the General Assembly) by the convening of the 2010 session. Deletes the requirement concerning the design and placement of a historical marker by the Department of Cultural Resources providing information on the NC Eugenics Sterilization Program. Requires the UNC Board of Governors (was, Board of Trustees of each of the UNC constituent institutions) to identify and direct (was, direct) students and faculty of the constituent institutions to conduct interviews with program survivors. Changes the effective date so only Section 1(b) (directing DHHS to create a verification database) is effective July 1, 2009, and makes the remainder of the act effective when it becomes law. Makes technical and clarifying changes. Changes the title to *AN ACT TO PROVIDE COUNSELING BENEFITS TO EUGENICS SURVIVORS, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DATABASE OF EUGENICS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND VERIFY THE STATUS OF PERSONS CONTACTING THE STATE TO DETERMINE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE PROGRAM, TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN ITS K-12 HISTORY CURRICULUM, TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO DIRECT APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND STUDENTS TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH SURVIVORS, TO RECOMMEND CREATION OF AN ETHICS TRAINING MODULE FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES TO DIGITIZE EXISTING RECORDS FOR PRESERVATION AND STUDY PURPOSES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF THE EUGENICS STERILIZATION PROGRAM.*