

March 26, 2009

S 1022. COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS TASK FORCE. Filed 3/25/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND CONTAIN HEALTH CARE COSTS.*

Establishes the Joint Legislative Comparative Effectiveness Task Force (Task Force). Directs the Task Force to study how the state can (1) develop more robust research efforts, (2) organize state level efforts to maximize collaborative efforts with the federal Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, (3) develop a system for disseminating comparative effectiveness research findings broadly, and (4) monitor these efforts. Indicates that the Task Force must have 11 members but only identifies ten appointments. Directs President Pro Tem of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and various academic, governmental, and health-related organizations to each appoint one member of the Task Force. Authorizes payment of per diems and travel costs to Task Force members. Directs the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2011 General Assembly by February 1, 2011. Directs the Legislative Services Office to allocate funds appropriated to the General Assembly to support Task Force activities.

Intro. by Stein.

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May 6, 2009

S 1022. COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS TASK FORCE. Filed 3/26/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Increases the membership of the Joint Legislative Comparative Effectiveness Task Force from 11 to 15 members, with seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and seven members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate. Includes the director of the Division of Medical Assistance of Department of Health and Human Services or the Director's designee as an ex officio member. Appointees are to be representative of the institutions named in the original bill plus representatives from ECU and Wake Forest medical centers and researchers from the pharmaceutical industry and a university pharmacy school.

June 25, 2009

S 1022. COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS TASK FORCE. Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends the task force compensation provision to provide that members receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with GS 120-3.1, GS 138-5, and GS 138-6 (was, members are not compensated for their service but receive per diem and travel costs). Adds provisions concerning assigning professional staff to the task force and meeting space. Makes technical changes.

May 25, 2010

S 1022. SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/INCLEMENT WEATHER (NEW). Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute deletes all provisions of the 3rd edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE UP INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR TO LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS LOCATED IN ASHE, AVERY, AND WATAUGA COUNTIES.* Creates an exception to the required instructional time for LEAs, including charter schools, in Ashe, Avery, and Watauga Counties. Amends GS 115C-84.2(a)(1) to provide that a school calendar may include a minimum of 180 days or 1,000 hours of instruction (was, a minimum of 180 days and 1,000 hours of instruction) covering at least nine calendar months. Allows a local board of education to comply with the school calendar requirement in the case of inclement weather by scheduling 1,000 hours of instruction on less than 180 days. Provides that an LEA making a calendar adjustment due to inclement weather meets the minimum 180-day requirement for instruction days. Also provides that teachers employed for a 10-month term are deemed to have been employed for 180 instructional days. Directs that all other employees are to be compensated as if they had worked their regularly scheduled hours for 180 instructional days. Amends GS 115C-238.29F(d)(1) to direct that a charter school is to provide instruction each year that covers at least nine calendar months.

Provides that this act applies only to LEAs or charter schools in Ashe, Avery, and Watauga Counties and applies only to the 2009-10 school year.

May 26, 2010

S 1022. SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY/INCLEMENT WEATHER. Filed 3/25/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Makes bill applicable to Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania Counties in addition to the three counties originally covered by bill. Makes corresponding change to bill title.