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## HOUSE BILL 144\* PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H144-PCS50257-SH-3

Short Title: Special Care Dentistry Collaboration.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 12, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. 3 DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, THE 4 5 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL AND EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS OF DENTISTRY, THE NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL 6 SOCIETY, AND CURRENT SPECIAL CARE DENTAL PROVIDERS, TO EXAMINE 7 8 DENTAL CARE OPTIONS FOR SPECIAL CARE POPULATIONS. 9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public 10 Health, shall collaborate with the Division of Medical Assistance, the Division of Aging and 11 12 Adult Services, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the East Carolina 13 University Schools of Dentistry, the North Carolina Dental Society, and current providers of 14 special care dentistry services, to examine current dental care options for special care 15 populations. The collaboration of these groups shall result in suggestions for ways to improve the availability of services for special care populations. The Department shall report findings 16 17 and recommendations to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the Public Health 18 Study Commission on or before February 1, 2010. 19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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