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HOUSE BILL DRH40290-MR-64 (03/08)

Short Title: Monitor Implementation of TBI Waiver. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Torbett.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1915(C) MEDICAID WAIVER FOR
3 INDIVIDUALS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Beginning October 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Human
6 Services (DHHS) shall report quarterly to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
7 Medicaid and NC Health Choice, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
8 Human Services, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations on Health and Human Services, the
9 chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, Health and Human
10 Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on the status and implementation of the 1915(c)
11 waiver for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) that has been submitted to the Centers
12 for Medicare and Medicaid in accordance with Section 12H.6 of S.L. 2015-241.

13 As part of the process of implementing the TBI waiver, DHHS shall adopt rules or
14 medical coverage policies relating to service programs for individuals with traumatic brain
15 injury, including setting standards that ensure that individuals with brain injuries who require
16 residential treatment receive appropriate, effective, and high-quality treatment in
17 community-based residential settings. Additionally, DHHS shall develop a best practice model
18 system that includes a comprehensive continuum of care and an array of short-term and
19 long-term treatments, rehabilitation options, and home and community support services as part
20 of the TBI waiver. Finally, DHHS shall strive to maintain adequate reimbursement rates for
21 residential and community-based care programs that serve individuals with traumatic brain
22 injury, which will aid in attracting and retaining quality and highly specialized providers and
23 programs into North Carolina.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

