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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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House Bill 998*

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Amends Title [YES]
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Representative Jackson

moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 13, by inserting between the words "STUDY" and "CHANGES" the phrase "THE IMPACT OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM ON THE HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE, AS WELL AS ON THE ECONOMIES OF THESE RURAL AREAS, AND ANY";

and to further amend the bill on page 3, lines 15-25 by rewriting Section 5 to read:

"**SECTION 5.** The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) shall study the impact of the Medicaid program on the health of individuals residing in rural areas of the State, including access to care and the effect on population health outcomes. The Department shall also study the impact of the Medicaid program on the economies of these rural areas. Further, the Department shall study whether there are changes to the Medicaid Program that will increase preventative health services, improve health outcomes, and lower the overall cost of care. The alternatives studied should include evaluation of the direct primary care model. The study shall determine the following: (i) how options will relate to the outcome measures that will be included in Prepaid Health Plan contracts under the transformed Medicaid program, (ii) the contract options for improving primary care provider quality of life in a rural setting that include, but are not limited to, a direct primary care type payment model, (iii) any recommendations to improve rural access to healthcare through the Medicaid program, and (iv) the total cost implications and legislation needed to implement recommendations. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice on or before October 1, 2019.".

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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