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HOUSE BILL DRH30349-MGa-108

Short Title: Opioid Pilot Program/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
3 DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO OVERSEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
5 OPIOID PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH NORTHERN HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF
6 SURRY COUNTY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental
9 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall, in consultation with
10 the local management entity/managed care organization responsible for the management and
11 provision of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services in Surry
12 County, oversee the development and establishment of a two-year opioid pilot program to be
13 conducted in Surry County through Northern Hospital District of Surry County by its Pain
14 Management Team. The purpose of the pilot program is to provide to individuals who are
15 uninsured, opioid use disorder treatment and recovery services utilizing existing and evolving
16 best practice approaches, which may include alternative pain management practices.

17 **SECTION 1.(b)** By December 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human
18 Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
19 shall conduct and submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
20 Services a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program authorized by this section. The
21 comprehensive evaluation shall include at least all of the following:

- 22 (1) A breakdown of all pilot program expenditures from State funds.
23 (2) The number and demographics of individuals served under the pilot program.
24 (3) Objective, measurable outcomes achieved from the pilot program.
25 (4) Recommendations about whether to extend or replicate the pilot program
26 across other counties and, if appropriate, a plan outlining the potential for
27 extending or replicating the pilot program across other counties.

28 **SECTION 1.(c)** The pilot program authorized by this section shall terminate on June
29 30, 2021.

30 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
31 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
32 Substance Abuse Services, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in nonrecurring
33 funds to be allocated to Northern Hospital District of Surry County for establishment and
34 operation of the opioid pilot program authorized by Section 1 of this act.

35 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

