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SENATE BILL DRS55084-MHa-183A

Short Title: Study GenX Health Impacts. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators deViere, Murdock, and Peterson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A BIOMONITORING HEALTH STUDY FOR
3 PERSONS IN SOUTHEASTERN NORTH CAROLINA IMPACTED BY PFAS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Study. – The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop
6 and implement a biomonitoring health study program (Program), in consultation with the
7 Department of Environmental Quality, to identify and measure concentrations of toxic chemicals
8 in the population groups within the PFAS Study Area exposed to PFAS chemicals to establish
9 foundational baseline data to support future epidemiological and public health studies and to
10 assess the effectiveness of public health efforts and regulatory programs to decrease exposure to
11 specific toxic chemicals. The Department shall consider epidemiological research completed and
12 in process at academic institutions within the State as well as the Centers for Disease Control and
13 Prevention in designing the Program. For purposes of this section, "PFAS Study Area" means
14 the area within 100 miles of the boundary of the industrial facility located at 22828 North
15 Carolina Highway 87, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and "PFAS chemicals" means per- and
16 poly-fluoroalkyl substances, including GenX.

17 **SECTION 2.** Report. – The Department shall complete the study required by this act
18 no later than December 31, 2022. Until such time, the Task Force shall submit reports every six
19 months to the Environmental Review Commission (ERC), beginning no later than January 1,
20 2021, on its progress in implementing the requirements of this act, including recommendations
21 for further funding needs.

22 **SECTION 3.** Funding. – The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in
23 nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is appropriated from the General Fund to the
24 Department of Health and Human Services to carry out the Program described in this act.

25 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2020. The remainder of
26 this act is effective when it becomes law.



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