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HOUSE BILL DRH40565-MGa-168

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

Sponsors: Representative Moffitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND FOR ANY OPIOID  
3 SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND  
4 APPROPRIATING A PORTION OF THESE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH,  
6 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FOR THE  
7 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Opioid Abatement Fund is established as an interest-bearing  
10 special fund. All funds received by the State as a beneficiary of the final consent judgment  
11 resolving the case, State of North Carolina, ex rel. Joshua H. Stein, Plaintiff v. McKinsey and  
12 Company, Inc., in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Wake County, shall be  
13 deposited into the Fund pursuant to G.S. 114-2.4A. Moneys in the Fund shall be used to (i) cover  
14 the costs incurred by the State in investigating and pursuing the claims in this case and (ii)  
15 remediate the harms caused to North Carolina and its citizens by the opioid epidemic.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** Funds deposited into the Opioid Abatement Fund do not constitute  
17 an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North  
18 Carolina Constitution.

19 **SECTION 1.(c)** All funds received by the State as a beneficiary of the final consent  
20 judgment resolving the case, State of North Carolina, ex rel. Joshua H. Stein, Plaintiff v.  
21 McKinsey and Company, Inc., in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Wake  
22 County, and deposited into the Opioid Abatement Fund shall remain unspent until appropriated  
23 by an act of the General Assembly.

24 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Fund established  
25 pursuant to Section 1 of this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
26 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of four  
27 million dollars (\$4,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Department  
28 shall use these funds to support the establishment and operation of a one-year opioid overdose  
29 prevention pilot program that serves the purpose of educating the public about opioid use disorder  
30 and overdose through public service announcements and the dissemination of other educational  
31 materials to the public. In developing this pilot program, the Department may explore the  
32 possibility of public-private partnerships to accomplish the purpose of the pilot program.

33 **SECTION 2.(b)** By March 1, 2023, the Department shall study and report to the  
34 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the effectiveness of  
35 the pilot program and any public-private partnerships approved by the Department as part of the  
36 pilot program.



1                   **SECTION 2.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021.

2                   **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes

3 law.