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Short Title: Novel Opioid Control Act of 2023.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT; TO INCREASE
3 THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN,
4 FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY
5 DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF
6 CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE
7 DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON
8 WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD
9 POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO
10 THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION
11 APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO
12 CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN
13 DRUG VIOLATIONS.

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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16 **UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

17 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 90-89(1) reads as rewritten:

18 "(1) Opiates. – Any of the following opiates or opioids, including the isomers,
19 esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically
20 excepted, or listed in another schedule, whenever the existence of such
21 isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical
22 designation:

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24 rrr. Brorphine.

25 sss. AP-237.

26 ttt. 2-methyl AP-237.

27 uuu. (ortho, meta, or para)-methyl AP-237.

28 vvv. AP-238.

29 www. (ortho, meta, or para)-hydroxy 2-methyl AP-237.

30 xxx. 2-Naphthyl U-47700.

31 yyy. 1-Naphthyl U-47700.

32 zzz. 4-(Trifluoromethyl) U-47700.

33 aaaa. Methoxy U-47700.

34 bbbb. Furanyl UF-17.

35 cccc. Cyclopropyl U-47700.



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1	<u>dddd.</u> Phenyl U-47700.
2	<u>eeee.</u> Ethyl U-47700.
3	<u>ffff.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro-N,N-didesmethyl U-47700.
4	<u>gggg.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro U-49900.
5	<u>hhhh.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro-N-desmethyl U-47700.
6	<u>iiii.</u> 4-fluoro U-47931E.
7	<u>jjjj.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro U-51754.
8	<u>kkkk.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro Isopropyl U-47700.
9	<u>llll.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro Propyl U-47700.
10	<u>mmmm.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro U-50488.
11	<u>nnnn.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-difluoro U-48800.
12	<u>oooo.</u> (2,3- or 3,4 or 2,4)-difluoro U-47700.
13	<u>pppp.</u> UF-17.
14	<u>qqqq.</u> U-47109.
15	<u>rrrr.</u> U-48520.
16	<u>ssss.</u> N,N-didesmethyl U-47700.
17	<u>tttt.</u> U-62066.
18	<u>uuuu.</u> Propyl U-47700.
19	<u>vvvv.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-Ethylenedioxy U-51754.
20	<u>wwww.</u> 4-phenyl U-51754.
21	<u>xxxx.</u> N-desmethyl U-47700.
22	<u>yyyy.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-Ethylenedioxy U-47700.
23	<u>zzzz.</u> N-methyl U-47931E.
24	<u>aaaa.</u> (2,3- or 3,4)-Methylenedioxy U-47700.
25	<u>bbbb.</u> U-69593.
26	<u>cccc.</u> U-50488.
27	<u>dddd.</u> U-48753E.
28	<u>eeee.</u> U-47931E.
29	<u>ffff.</u> Butonitazene.
30	<u>gggg.</u> Etodesnitazene (also known as Etonitazepyne).
31	<u>hhhh.</u> Flunitazene.
32	<u>iiii.</u> Metodesnitazene.
33	<u>jjjj.</u> N-Pyrrolidino Etonitazene.
34	<u>kkkk.</u> Protonitazene."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 90-89(1a) reads as rewritten:

"(1a) Fentanyl derivatives. – Unless specifically excepted, listed in another schedule, or contained within a pharmaceutical product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, any compound structurally derived from N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (Fentanyl) by any substitution on or replacement of the phenethyl group, any substitution on the piperidine ring, any substitution on or replacement of the propanamide group, any substitution on the anilido phenyl group, or any combination of the above unless specifically excepted or listed in another schedule to include their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers. Fentanyl derivatives include, but are not limited to, the following:

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N-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide ~~(also known as 2-fluorofentanyl)~~ (also known as ortho-fluorofentanyl).

- 1 g. N-(3-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propana
2 mide (~~also known as 3-fluorofentanyl~~)(also known as
3 meta-fluorofentanyl).
- 4 h. N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenyltetrahydrofuran-2-carbox
5 amide (also known as tetrahydrofuran fentanyl).
- 6 i. N-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]
7 -propanamide (~~also known as 4-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl,~~
8 ~~4-FIBF~~)(also known as 4-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl).
- 9 j. N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-butanamide
10 (~~also known as 4-fluorobutyryl fentanyl, 4-FBF~~)(also known as
11 4-fluorobutyryl fentanyl)."

12 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 90-89 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

13 **"(1b)** Nitazene derivatives. – The N-substituted benzimidazole structural class,
14 including any of the following derivatives, their salts, isomers, or salts of
15 isomers unless specifically utilized as part of the manufacturing process by a
16 commercial industry of a substance or material not intended for human
17 ingestion or consumption, as a prescription administered under medical
18 supervision, or for research at a recognized institution, whenever the existence
19 of these salts, isomers, or salts of isomers is possible within the specific
20 chemical designation or unless specifically excepted or listed in this or another
21 schedule, structurally derived from benzimidazole by substitution at the
22 1-position nitrogen with an ethylamine group, and by substitution at the
23 2-position carbon with a benzyl group, whether or not the compound is further
24 modified in any of the following ways:

- 25 a. By monoalkyl or dialkyl substitution on the 1'-nitrogen of the
26 1-position ethylamine group, or by inclusion of the nitrogen in a cyclic
27 structure;
- 28 b. By substitution on the 2'-methylene carbon of the benzyl group by
29 alkyl or carboxamide groups;
- 30 c. By replacement of the 2'-methylene carbon group with an ethylbenzyl,
31 thiophenol, or methoxybenzene group, which may be further
32 substituted with alkyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, acetoxy, halide, a fused
33 heterocyclic ring which may be further substituted, or sulfide groups;
34 d. By substitution at the 2'-position, 3'-position, or 4'-position of the
35 benzyl group, or both, with alkyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, acetoxy, halide,
36 or sulfide groups;
- 37 e. By replacement of a phenyl hydrogen atom at either the 5-position or
38 6-position of the benzimidazole core with a nitro, or primary amine
39 group."

40 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 90-89(3)mm. reads as rewritten:

41 "mm. ~~5-methoxy-N-methyl-N-propyltryptamine~~
42 5-methoxy-N-methyl-N-isopropyltryptamine (5-MeO-MiPT)."

43 **SECTION 1.(e)** G.S. 90-89(5)j. reads as rewritten:

- 44 "j. Substituted cathinones. A compound, other than bupropion, that is
45 structurally derived from 2-amino-1-phenyl-1-propanone by
46 modification in any of the following ways: (i) by substitution in the
47 phenyl ring to any extent with alkyl, alkoxy, alkylendioxy, haloalkyl,
48 or halide substituents, whether or not further substituted in the phenyl
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1 ring by one or more other univalent substituents; (ii) by substitution at
2 the 3-position to any extent; or (iii) by substitution at the nitrogen atom
3 with alkyl, dialkyl, benzyl, cycloalkyl, or methoxybenzyl groups or by
4 inclusion of the nitrogen atom in a cyclic structure. For the purpose of
5 this paragraph, the term "isomer" includes the optical, positional, or
6 geometric isomer."

7 **SECTION 1.(f)** G.S. 90-89(7) reads as rewritten:

8 "(7) Synthetic cannabinoids. – Any quantity of any synthetic chemical compound
9 that (i) is a cannabinoid receptor agonist and mimics the pharmacological
10 effect of naturally occurring substances or (ii) has a stimulant, depressant, or
11 hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system that is not listed as a
12 controlled substance in Schedules I through V, and is not an FDA-approved
13 drug. Synthetic cannabinoids include, but are not limited to, the substances
14 listed in sub-subdivisions a. through ~~p-r~~. of this subdivision and any substance
15 that contains any quantity of their salts, isomers (whether optical, positional,
16 or geometric), homologues, and salts of isomers and homologues, unless
17 specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers,
18 homologues, and salts of isomers and homologues is possible within the
19 specific chemical designation. The following substances are examples of
20 synthetic cannabinoids and are not intended to be inclusive of the substances
21 included in this Schedule:

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23 n. Indazole carboxaldehydes. Any compound structurally derived from
24 1H-indazole-3-carboxaldehyde or 1H-indazole-2-carboxaldehyde
25 substituted in both of the following ways:

26 ...

27 2. At the carbon of the carboxaldehyde by a phenyl, benzyl,
28 naphthyl, adamantyl, cyclopropyl, or propionaldehyde group;
29 whether or not the compound is further modified to any extent
30 in the following ways: (i) substitution to the indazole ring to
31 any extent, (ii) substitution to the phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl,
32 adamantyl, cyclopropyl, or propionaldehyde group to any
33 extent, (iii) a nitrogen heterocyclic analog of the indazole ring,
34 or (iv) a nitrogen heterocyclic analog of the phenyl, benzyl,
35 naphthyl, adamantyl, or cyclopropyl ring.

36 o. Indazole carboxamides. Any compound structurally derived from
37 1H-indazole-3-carboxamide or 1H-indazole-2-carboxamide
38 substituted in both of the following ways:

39 ...

40 2. At the nitrogen of the carboxamide by a phenyl, benzyl,
41 naphthyl, adamantyl, cyclopropyl, or propionaldehyde group;
42 whether or not the compound is further modified to any extent
43 in the following ways: (i) substitution to the indazole ring to
44 any extent, (ii) substitution to the phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl,
45 adamantyl, cyclopropyl, or propionaldehyde group to any
46 extent, (iii) a nitrogen heterocyclic analog of the indazole ring,
47 or (iv) a nitrogen heterocyclic analog of the phenyl, benzyl,
48 naphthyl, adamantyl, or cyclopropyl ring. Substances in this
49 class include, but are not limited to: AKB-48, fluoro-AKB-48,
50 APINCACA, AB-PINACA, AB-FUBINACA,
51 ADB-FUBINACA, and ADB-PINACA.

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SECTION 1.(g) G.S. 90-90(2)h1. reads as rewritten:

"h1. Fentanyl immediate precursor chemical,
4-anilino-N-phenethyl-4-piperidine
(ANPP);4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperdine (ANPP)."

SECTION 1.(h) G.S. 90-91(k)11. reads as rewritten:

"11. ~~Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone~~;Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone,"

SECTION 1.(i) G.S. 90-91(k)16. reads as rewritten:

"16. ~~Mesterolene~~;Mesterolone,"

SECTION 1.(j) This section is effective on August 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

INCREASE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSES

SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 90-95(h)(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) Any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, transports, or possesses four grams or more of opium, opiate, or opioid, or any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of opium, opiate, or opioid (except apomorphine, nalbuphine, analoxone and naltrexone and their respective salts), including heroin, or any mixture containing such substance, shall be guilty of a felony which felony shall be known as "trafficking in opium, opiate, opioid, or heroin" and if the quantity of such controlled substance or mixture involved:

a. Is four grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person shall be punished as a Class F felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 70 months and a maximum term of 93 months in the State's prison and shall be fined ~~not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)~~;as follows:

1. A fine of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) if the controlled substance is heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil, or any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation thereof, or any mixture containing any of these substances.

2. A fine of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for any controlled substance described in this subdivision and not otherwise subject to sub-sub-subdivision 1. of this sub-subdivision.

b. Is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, such person shall be punished as a Class E felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 90 months and a maximum term of 120 months in the State's prison and shall be fined ~~not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~;as follows:

1. A fine of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) if the controlled substance is heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil, or any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation thereof, or any mixture containing any of these substances.

2. A fine of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for any controlled substance described in this subdivision and not otherwise subject to sub-sub-subdivision 1. of this sub-subdivision.

c. Is 28 grams or more, such person shall be punished as a Class C felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 225 months and a

1 maximum term of 282 months in the State's prison and shall be fined
2 ~~not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); as follows:~~

- 3 1. A fine of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) if the controlled
4 substance is heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil, or any salt,
5 compound, derivative, or preparation thereof, or any mixture
6 containing any of these substances.
- 7 2. A fine of not less than five hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$500,000) for any controlled substance described in this
9 subdivision and not otherwise subject to sub-sub-subdivision
10 1. of this sub-subdivision."

11 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to
12 offenses committed on or after that date.

13 **EXPAND THE SCOPE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION OFFENSE**

14 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 14-17 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 14-17. Murder in the first and second degree defined; punishment.**

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17
18 (a1) If a murder was perpetrated with malice as described in ~~subdivision (1) of subsection~~
19 (b) of this section, and committed against a spouse, former spouse, a person with whom the
20 defendant lives or has lived as if married, a person with whom the defendant is or has been in a
21 dating relationship as defined in G.S. 50B-1(b)(6), or a person with whom the defendant shares
22 a child in common, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the murder is a "willful,
23 deliberate, and premeditated killing" under subsection (a) of this section and shall be deemed to
24 be murder in the first degree, a Class A felony, if the perpetrator has previously been convicted
25 of one of the following offenses involving the same victim:

- 26 (1) An act of domestic violence as defined in G.S. 50B-1(a).
- 27 (2) A violation of a domestic violence protective order under G.S. 50B-4.1(a), (f),
28 (g), or (g1) or G.S. 14-269.8 when the same victim is the subject of the
29 domestic violence protective order.
- 30 (3) Communicating a threat under G.S. 14-277.1.
- 31 (4) Stalking as defined in G.S. 14-277.3A.
- 32 (5) Cyberstalking as defined in G.S. 14-196.3.
- 33 (6) Domestic criminal trespass as defined in G.S. 14-134.3.

34 (b) A murder other than described in subsection (a) or (a1) of this section or in
35 G.S. 14-23.2 shall be deemed second degree murder. Any person who commits second degree
36 murder shall be punished as a Class B1 felon, except that a person who commits second degree
37 murder shall be punished as a Class B2 felon ~~in either of the following circumstances:~~

- 38 ~~(1) The if the malice necessary to prove second degree murder is based on an~~
39 ~~inherently dangerous act or omission, done in such a reckless and wanton~~
40 ~~manner as to manifest a mind utterly without regard for human life and social~~
41 ~~duty and deliberately bent on mischief.~~
- 42 ~~(2) The murder is one that was proximately caused by the unlawful distribution~~
43 ~~of any opium, opiate, or opioid; any synthetic or natural salt, compound,~~
44 ~~derivative, or preparation of opium, or opiate, or opioid; cocaine or other~~
45 ~~substance described in G.S. 90-90(1)d.; methamphetamine; or a depressant~~
46 ~~described in G.S. 90-92(a)(1), and the ingestion of such substance caused the~~
47 ~~death of the user.~~

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49 **SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 14-18.4 reads as rewritten:

50 **"§ 14-18.4. Death by distribution of certain controlled substances; aggravated death by** 51 **distribution of certain controlled substances; penalties.**

1 ...
2 (a1) Death by Distribution Through Unlawful Delivery of Certain Controlled Substances.
3 – A person is guilty of death by distribution through unlawful delivery of certain controlled
4 substances if all of the following requirements are met:

- 5 (1) The person unlawfully delivers at least one certain controlled substance.
- 6 (2) The ingestion of the certain controlled substance or substances causes the
7 death of the user.
- 8 (3) The commission of the offense in subdivision (1) of this subsection was the
9 proximate cause of the victim's death.

10 (a2) Death by Distribution Through Unlawful Delivery with Malice of Certain Controlled
11 Substances. – A person is guilty of death by distribution through unlawful delivery with malice
12 of certain controlled substances if all of the following requirements are met:

- 13 (1) The person unlawfully delivers at least one certain controlled substance.
- 14 (2) The person acted with malice.
- 15 (3) The ingestion of the certain controlled substance or substances causes the
16 death of the user.
- 17 (4) The commission of the offense in subdivision (1) of this subsection was the
18 proximate cause of the victim's death.

19 (b) Death by Distribution Through Unlawful Sale of Certain Controlled Substances. – A
20 person is guilty of death by distribution through unlawful sale of certain controlled substances if
21 all of the following requirements are met:

- 22 (1) The person unlawfully sells at least one certain controlled substance.
- 23 (2) The ingestion of the certain controlled substance or substances causes the
24 death of the user.
- 25 (3) The commission of the offense in subdivision (1) of this subsection was the
26 proximate cause of the victim's death.
- 27 ~~(4) The person did not act with malice.~~

28 (c) Aggravated Death by Distribution Through Unlawful Sale of Certain Controlled
29 Substances. – A person is guilty of aggravated death by distribution through unlawful sale of
30 certain controlled substances if all of the following requirements are met:

- 31 (1) The person unlawfully sells at least one certain controlled substance.
- 32 (2) The ingestion of the certain controlled substance or substances causes the
33 death of the user.
- 34 (3) The commission of the offense in subdivision (1) of this subsection was the
35 proximate cause of the victim's death.
- 36 ~~(4) The person did not act with malice.~~
- 37 (5) The person has a previous conviction under this section, G.S. 90-95(a)(1),
38 90-95.1, 90-95.4, 90-95.6, or trafficking in violation of G.S. 90-95(h), or a
39 prior conviction in any federal or state court in the United States that is
40 substantially similar to an offense listed, within ~~seven~~10 years of the date of
41 the offense. In calculating the ~~seven-year~~10-year period under this
42 subdivision, any period of time during which the person was incarcerated in a
43 local, state, or federal detention center, jail, or prison shall be excluded.

44 ...
45 (e) Lesser Included Offense. – Death by distribution through unlawful sale of certain
46 controlled substances constitutes a lesser included offense of aggravated death by distribution
47 through unlawful sale of certain controlled substances in violation of this section.

48 ...
49 (h) Penalties. – Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law
50 providing greater punishment, the following classifications apply to the offenses set forth in this
51 section:

- 1 (1) ~~Death by distribution of certain controlled substances~~ A violation of
2 subsection (a1) of this section is a Class C felony.
3 (1a) A violation of subsection (a2) or (b) of this section is a Class C-B2 felony.
4 (2) ~~Aggravated death by distribution of certain controlled substances~~ A violation
5 of subsection (c) of this section is a Class B2-B1 felony."

6 **SECTION 3.(c)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to
7 offenses committed on or after that date.

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9 **REVISE GOOD SAMARITAN IMMUNITY LAW FOR POSSESSION OF ANY**
10 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

11 **SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 90-96.2(c3) reads as rewritten:

12 "(c3) Covered Offenses. – A person shall have limited immunity from prosecution under
13 subsections (b) and (c) of this section for only the following offenses:

- 14 (1) A misdemeanor violation of G.S. 90-95(a)(3).
15 (2) A felony violation of G.S. 90-95(a)(3) for possession of less than one gram of
16 ~~cocaine~~ any controlled substance.
17 (3) ~~A felony violation of G.S. 90-95(a)(3) for possession of less than one gram of~~
18 ~~heroin.~~
19 (4) A violation of G.S. 90-113.22."

20 **SECTION 4.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to
21 offenses committed on or after that date.

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23 **CREATE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG**
24 **VIOLATIONS**

25 **SECTION 5.(a)** Creation. – There is established the Task Force on Enforcement of
26 Fentanyl and Heroin Drug Violations (Task Force). The Task Force shall consist of the Secretary
27 of Public Safety, the Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, the Commander of the State
28 Highway Patrol, the President of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, the President of the
29 North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Executive Director of the North Carolina
30 Conference of District Attorneys, or their designees.

31 **SECTION 5.(b)** Study. – The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study ways to
32 enhance the ability of law enforcement throughout the State to combat the illegal manufacturing,
33 importation, and distribution of fentanyl, heroin, and other similar controlled substances.

34 **SECTION 5.(c)** Chair; Meetings; Quorum. – The members shall elect a chair, and
35 the Task Force shall meet at the call of the chair. A majority of the Task Force shall constitute a
36 quorum for the transaction of its business.

37 **SECTION 5.(d)** Per Diem, Travel, and Expenses. – Members of the Task Force shall
38 receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,
39 138-5, and 138-6, as applicable.

40 **SECTION 5.(e)** Meeting Space; Staffing. – The Task Force may meet in the
41 Legislative Building or in the Legislative Office Building. With the approval of the Legislative
42 Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, legislative staff may be made
43 available to assist the Task Force.

44 **SECTION 5.(f)** Report. – The Task Force shall submit an interim report to the 2023
45 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2024. The Task Force shall submit a final report,
46 including findings and legislative recommendations, to the 2025 General Assembly. The Task
47 Force shall terminate upon filing its final report.

48 **SECTION 5.(g)** Effective Date. – This section is effective when it becomes law.

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50 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

1 **SECTION 6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
2 law.