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SENATE BILL DRS45285-NL-43B

Short Title: Innovative Treatments for Mental Health Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chitlik and Hanig (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH AND
3 PSYCHEDELIC MEDICINE TASK FORCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental
6 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, may establish the North
7 Carolina Mental Health and Psychedelic Medicine Task Force (Task Force). The purpose of this
8 Task Force is to:

- 9 (1) Assess the potential use of psychedelic medicine in addressing the State's
10 ongoing mental health crisis.
11 (2) Consider barriers to implementation and equitable access.
12 (3) Consider and recommend licensing and insurance requirements for
13 practitioners in the State in the event that psychedelic medicines are federally
14 reclassified and approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
15 (4) Consider legal and regulatory pathways to the legalization of psychedelic
16 medicines in the State and the potential effects of the medicines on public
17 health.

18 **SECTION 2.** The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- 19 (1) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, or the
20 Secretary's designee.
21 (2) The Secretary of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, or the
22 Secretary's designee.
23 (3) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee.
24 (4) One member representing mental health issues in the State, selected by the
25 State chapter of a national alliance focused on mental health and mental
26 illness.
27 (5) One member representing health care needs of North Carolina Native
28 communities, selected by the tribal council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
29 Indians.
30 (6) One member representing the health care needs of survivors of domestic
31 violence and sexual assault, selected by the NC Domestic Violence
32 Commission.
33 (7) One member representing the psychiatric profession, selected by the
34 governing body of the North Carolina Psychiatric Association.



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- 1 (8) One member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina School of
2 Medicine, selected by the dean of the University of North Carolina School of
3 Medicine.
- 4 (9) One member of the faculty of the East Carolina University Brody School of
5 Medicine, selected by the dean of the Brody School of Medicine.
- 6 (10) Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
7 the Senate and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.
- 8 (11) Two members of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker
9 of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the House Minority
10 Leader.
- 11 (12) Up to three members selected by the Task Force, once assembled, that the
12 Task Force determines would serve the purpose of the Task Force, including,
13 but not limited to, members of veterans advocacy groups, disabled veterans
14 groups, first responders associations, anti-human trafficking advocacy
15 organizations, law enforcement advocacy organizations, and victims' rights
16 groups. The Task Force is not required to make an appointment under this
17 subdivision.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

19 **SECTION 4.** A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the
20 original selection or appointment.

21 **SECTION 5.** Members of the Task Force shall receive per diem, subsistence, and
22 travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6, as appropriate.

23 **SECTION 6.** The Task Force shall:

- 24 (1) Meet at least four times to fulfill the purpose of the Task Force.
- 25 (2) Ensure members are available for legislative hearings.
- 26 (3) Submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed
27 legislation, to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2026.

28 **SECTION 7.** The Task Force shall terminate on December 31, 2026, or upon the
29 filing of its final report, whichever is later.

30 **SECTION 8.** This act is effective when it becomes law.