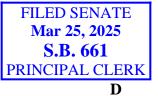
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025



SENATE BILL DRS45033-MGa-37

Short Title:	Protect Moms Who Serve.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Applewhite and Smith (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
2	AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN			
3	CONSULTA	TION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS		
4	AFFAIRS, TO	O STUDY HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE		
5	MILITARY;	AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.		
6	The General Asse	embly of North Carolina enacts:		
7	SECT	TON 1.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall study		
8	the following issues affecting women who serve in the military:			
9	(1)	Coordinating effectively between veterans health care facilities and		
10		non-veterans health care facilities in the delivery of maternity care and other		
11		health care services.		
12	(2)	Facilitating access to community resources to address social determinants of		
13		health, including housing, nutrition, and employment status.		
14	(3)	Identifying mental and behavioral health risk factors in the prenatal and		
15		postpartum periods and ensuring that pregnant and postpartum veterans get		
16		the treatments they need.		
17	(4)	Facilitating access to childbirth preparation classes, parenting classes,		
18		nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, lactation classes, and breast		
19		pumps.		
20	(5)	Reducing maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, with a particular		
21		focus on racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes.		
22		TON 1.(b) In conducting the study required by subsection (a) of this section,		
23	-	of Health and Human Services shall solicit feedback from mothers who are		
24	• •	, or who formerly served, in the military. In addition, the DHHS shall consult		
25	1	ent of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), as necessary. The DMVA shall		
26	1	e DHHS and provide any assistance or information requested with respect to		
27		d by subsection (a) of this section.		
28		TON 1.(c) By April 1, 2026, the DHHS shall report its findings, and any		
29		s for legislation, to the Senate Health Care Committee, the Joint Legislative		
30	-	Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee		
31	on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division.			
32	SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of			
33	Health and Human Services the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring			
34	funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the purpose of conducting the study described in Section			
35	1 of this act.			

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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.



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