

**S.L. 2015-241:****STUDY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACTING SPECIALIST AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**SECTION 12A.13.** The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services shall study and make recommendations regarding the design of a contracting specialist training and certification program for management level personnel within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) similar to the Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer program and local purchasing and contracts program of the University of North Carolina School of Government.

**S.L 2016-94:****CONTRACTING SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM**

**SECTION 12A.4.(a)** The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (SOG), in collaboration with the Director of Procurement, Contracts and Grants for the Department of Health and Human Services, shall prepare a proposal for the design of a contracting specialist training program for management level personnel within the Department that is based on both national standards and the Certified Local Government Purchasing Officer Program administered by the SOG. By August 1, 2016, the SOG and the Department shall submit the proposal prepared pursuant to this subsection to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division.

**SECTION 12A.4.(b)** The SOG, in collaboration with the Director of Procurement, Contracts and Grants for the Department of Health and Human Services, shall prepare a proposal for the implementation and administration of the contracting specialist training program for management level personnel within the Department. The proposal shall include budget estimates for program implementation and administration based on the requirements of the program design. The SOG and the Department shall submit the proposal prepared pursuant to this subsection, including budget estimates for program implementation and administration, to the House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division for consideration during the 2017 Regular Session.

**SECTION 12A.4.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

**S.L. 2017-57****CONTRACTING SPECIALIST AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**SECTION 11A.12.(a)** By September 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division the proposal prepared pursuant to Section 12A.4 of S.L. 2016-

94 by the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in collaboration with the Director of Procurement, Contracts and Grants for the Department of Health and Human Services, for the implementation and administration of a contracting specialist training program for management level personnel within the Department. The proposal shall include a detailed description of the proposed program curriculum along with budget estimates for program implementation and administration based on the requirements of the program design.

**SECTION 11A.12.(b)** This section is effective when this act becomes law.