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The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair  
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North Carolina General Assembly  
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The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
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Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2017-103, Section 2 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to examine P.L. 113-51, HIV Organ Policy Equity (HOPE) Act, and the Final Safeguards and Research Criteria publication by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and National Institutes of Health to determine public health safeguards, regulations, and statutory changes necessary for consideration by the General Assembly. The Session Law further requires the Department to submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any necessary statutory changes, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before January 1, 2018. Pursuant to this requirement, the Department is pleased to provide the attached report.

Should you have questions about this report, please contact Danny Staley, Director of the Division of Public Health, at [Danny.Staley@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Danny.Staley@dhhs.nc.gov) or 919-707-5000.

Sincerely,

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