

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 1022
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 5/6/09**

Short Title: Comparative Effectiveness Task Force. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS TASK FORCE TO
3 IMPROVE HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND CONTAIN HEALTH CARE COSTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is established the Joint Legislative Comparative
6 Effectiveness Task Force (Task Force). The purpose of the Task Force is to ascertain how to
7 improve people's health and contain health care costs by studying the comparative effectiveness
8 of various medical treatments and prescription drugs.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Task Force shall be comprised of 15 members appointed as
10 follows:

- 11 (1) Seven members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as
12 follows:
- 13 a. One member of the Senate to serve as cochair of the Task Force.
 - 14 b. One member representing and recommended by the NC Institute of
15 Medicine.
 - 16 c. One member representing and recommended by NC Hospital
17 Association.
 - 18 d. One representative of Area Health Education Centers.
 - 19 e. One member representing and recommended by Duke University.
 - 20 f. One member representing and recommended by East Carolina
21 University Medical Center.
 - 22 g. One member who is a researcher representing the pharmaceutical
23 industry.
- 24 (2) Seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
25 as follows:
- 26 a. One member of the House of Representatives to serve as cochair of
27 the Task Force.
 - 28 b. One member representing and recommended by the North Carolina
29 Medical Society.
 - 30 c. One member representing and recommended by the University of
31 North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
 - 32 d. One member representing and recommended by the North Carolina
33 Association of Health Plans.
 - 34 e. One member representing and recommended by Wake Forest
35 University Medical Center.
 - 36 f. One member who is a researcher representing a school of pharmacy
37 of a North Carolina university.



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- 1 g. One member representing and recommended by the Research
- 2 Triangle Institute.
- 3 (3) The Director of the Division of Medical Assistance of the Department of
- 4 Health and Human Services, ex officio, or the Director's designee.
- 5 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Task Force shall study the following:
- 6 (1) How to develop an even more robust research effort in our State, including
- 7 the development of initiatives to draw down additional federal funds.
- 8 (2) How to organize our State-level efforts in a way that maximizes our
- 9 opportunities for additional joint efforts with Agency for Health Care
- 10 Research and Quality.
- 11 (3) How to organize providers and payors in our State so that dissemination of
- 12 comparative effectiveness research findings is as rapid and far-reaching as
- 13 possible.
- 14 (4) How to develop mechanisms for the ongoing monitoring of these efforts.
- 15 **SECTION 1.(d)** Members of the Task Force shall not be compensated for their
- 16 services but shall receive per diem and travel costs as authorized by law.
- 17 **SECTION 1.(e)** On or before February 1, 2011, the Task Force shall report its
- 18 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2011 General Assembly. Upon
- 19 submitting its final report the Task Force shall terminate.
- 20 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Services Office shall allocate funds appropriated to
- 21 the General Assembly to support the activities of the Task Force.
- 22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.