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HOUSE BILL 949

Short Title: Opioid Pilot Program/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, Health and Human Services, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 26, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO OVERSEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPIOID PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH NORTHERN HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF SURRY COUNTY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall, in consultation with the local management entity/managed care organization responsible for the management and provision of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services in Surry County, oversee the development and establishment of a two-year opioid pilot program to be conducted in Surry County through Northern Hospital District of Surry County by its Pain Management Team. The purpose of the pilot program is to provide to individuals who are uninsured, opioid use disorder treatment and recovery services utilizing existing and evolving best practice approaches, which may include alternative pain management practices.

SECTION 1.(b) By December 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall conduct and submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program authorized by this section. The comprehensive evaluation shall include at least all of the following:

- (1) A breakdown of all pilot program expenditures from State funds.
- (2) The number and demographics of individuals served under the pilot program.
- (3) Objective, measurable outcomes achieved from the pilot program.
- (4) Recommendations about whether to extend or replicate the pilot program across other counties and, if appropriate, a plan outlining the potential for extending or replicating the pilot program across other counties.

SECTION 1.(c) The pilot program authorized by this section shall terminate on June 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in nonrecurring funds to be allocated to Northern Hospital District of Surry County for establishment and operation of the opioid pilot program authorized by Section 1 of this act.



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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.