

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 297

Short Title: Cancer Research Advisory Panel. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Sawyer, Perry, and T. Alexander (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 20, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA POLICY COLLABORATORY AT THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO ASSEMBLE A
3 RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL TO STUDY AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS
4 ON STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESEARCH PROGRAM TO
5 DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CLUSTERS OF CANCER INCIDENTS EXIST WITHIN
6 THE STATE.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Policy Collaboratory (Collaboratory) at the
10 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall assemble a research advisory panel (Panel) to
11 discuss, review, and analyze statewide cancer data and develop a recommendation for the
12 General Assembly for the best strategy or strategies for potential implementation by the State
13 regarding effective and credible research program design to determine if, and where, statistically
14 significant clusters of cancer incidents exist within North Carolina. In establishing the Panel, the
15 Collaboratory shall consult with (i) the Department of Health and Human Services, (ii) the
16 Department of Environmental Quality, (iii) the Gillings School of Global Public Health, the
17 School of Medicine, and the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North
18 Carolina at Chapel Hill, (iv) the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, and (v)
19 the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University to identify experts, including faculty
20 members of institutions of higher education, health care providers, and health insurance
21 providers, both within, and outside of, North Carolina to determine those who are qualified and
22 willing to participate either on the Panel itself or as expert advisers to the Panel. The Panel shall
23 have at least 10 members but no more than 30 members. The Collaboratory may use any monies
24 currently available to it, including funds received through appropriations by the General
25 Assembly, to support this study, including, but not limited to, travel-related expenses for
26 participants. The Collaboratory shall submit draft recommendations from the Panel as early as
27 December 31, 2019, and final recommendations from the Panel no later than April 30, 2020, to
28 the General Assembly in accordance with G.S. 120-29.5.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

