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HOUSE BILL 1041

Short Title: Study Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brown, Cunningham, Belk, and Logan (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 26, 2022

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
3 DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND A STATEWIDE  
4 PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME; AND  
5 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public  
8 Health (DPH), shall conduct a study on the medical issues surrounding polycystic ovary  
9 syndrome and the impact of this syndrome on women residing in North Carolina. The study shall  
10 include at least all of the following:

- 11 (1) An examination of the number of women who have been diagnosed with  
12 polycystic ovary syndrome over the last five years and the symptoms  
13 associated with the disease.
- 14 (2) An examination of the number of women with polycystic ovary syndrome  
15 who have been misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed over the last five years.
- 16 (3) A review of the causes and cures for polycystic ovary syndrome.
- 17 (4) Identification of effective therapies for managing the symptoms associated  
18 with polycystic ovary syndrome and whether these therapies are affordable  
19 and readily available within the State.
- 20 (5) An examination of whether polycystic ovary syndrome disproportionately  
21 affects a particular population of women in the State.
- 22 (6) Any other matters the Division of Public Health deems relevant to its efforts.

23 **SECTION 1.(b)** DPH shall report its findings, together with any proposed  
24 legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or  
25 before December 1, 2023.

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** DPH shall design, coordinate, and oversee a statewide public  
27 awareness campaign to provide medically accurate information regarding polycystic ovary  
28 syndrome and to inform the general public about the findings of the study authorized by this act.

29 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
30 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand  
31 dollars (\$150,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to fund the  
32 study and the statewide public awareness campaign on polycystic ovary syndrome required by  
33 this act.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

