

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

**SENATE BILL 1279  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO COLLABORATE WITH PROVIDERS AND ADVOCATES OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSING BIASES IDENTIFIED IN THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTIONAL BIAS STUDY REPORT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall collaborate with providers and advocates of home and community-based long-term care services to review the North Carolina Institutional Bias Study Report prepared by the Lewin Group and make recommendations on ways to address the biases identified in the report. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging on or before October 15, 2006.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006