

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE BILL 1116**

Short Title: Medical Research/Include Women.

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Sponsors: Representatives Boyd-McIntyre; Adams, Aldridge, Alexander, Baddour, Beall, Black, Bonner, Braswell, Brawley, Cansler, Carpenter, Crawford, Culpepper, Cunningham, Davis, Earle, Easterling, Esposito, Fitch, Fox, Gamble, Gardner, Grady, Hall, Hensley, Hiatt, Howard, H. Hunter, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Kinney, Luebke, McCrary, Miller, Miner, Mitchell, Moore, Morris, Nesbitt, Nichols, Nye, Oldham, Owens, Preston, Ramsey, Rogers, Saunders, Sexton, Sherrill, Shubert, Smith, Starnes, Sutton, Tolson, Wainwright, Warner, Warwick, Watson, Wilkins, C. Wilson, Womble, Wood, and Yongue.

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Referred to: Human Resources.

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April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITY  
3 HOSPITALS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS TO INCLUDE WOMEN AS  
4 SUBJECTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS, AS APPROPRIATE.

5       Whereas, in recent decades a number of large-scale medical research projects  
6 have been conducted in this country, including longitudinal studies by NIH, as well as  
7 major university hospitals, that included men but not women as subjects, thereby  
8 resulting in unanswered questions about women's health; and

9       Whereas, the results of the research on men have been used regularly and  
10 widely as a basis for treatment of women; and

11       Whereas, women and men possess certain biological and chemical differences  
12 that influence the approach to meeting their respective medical needs; and

1           Whereas, the status of a woman's health not only impacts the quality of her life  
2 and that of her family, but also impacts the economy of her community and ultimately the  
3 State; Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5           Section 1. Every public or private medical center or university hospital in this  
6 State that receives State funds and that conducts medical research on human physical or  
7 mental health, including diseases affecting humans, shall ensure that any research  
8 conducted by the entity on human beings for illnesses, diseases, and other health  
9 conditions affecting both men and women, includes a representative sample of adult  
10 women as subjects in the testing, studies, and other forms of research conducted.

11           Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to research  
12 studies and testing commenced on and after that date.