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HOUSE BILL 894

Short Title: Veterans/Health Care/Pilot Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Szoka, Lewis, Dollar, and Dobson (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations

April 26, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO
3 PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO VETERANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Pilot Program. – The Department of Health and Human Services
6 and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in coordination with Community Care of
7 North Carolina and Maxim Healthcare Services, shall develop and implement a two-year pilot
8 program in Cumberland County to provide health care services to veterans. The pilot program
9 shall consist of the following initiatives:

- 10 (1) A health care initiative to provide to veterans increased access to health care
11 resources through the care coordination efforts of community health
12 workers.
13 (2) A workforce initiative to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed
14 veterans as community health workers for the health care initiative described
15 in subdivision (1) of this section.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** Termination. – The pilot program authorized by this section shall
17 terminate on June 30, 2019.

18 **SECTION 1.(c)** Evaluation. – By February 1, 2020, the Department of Health and
19 Human Services shall conduct and submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
20 Health and Human Services a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program authorized by this
21 section. The comprehensive evaluation shall include at least all of the following:

- 22 (1) The specific ways in which the pilot program's health care initiative
23 provided to veterans increased access to health care resources.
24 (2) The total number of unemployed and underemployed veterans who were
25 recruited and trained as community health workers under the pilot program's
26 workforce initiative.
27 (3) The specific ways in which the Department of Health and Human Services
28 spent the funds appropriated under Section 2 of this act.

29 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
30 Health and Human Services the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in
31 nonrecurring funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred thousand dollars
32 (\$200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to support the development and
33 implementation of the pilot program authorized by Section 1 of this act.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

