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HOUSE BILL DRH40565-MGa-168

Short Title: Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Moffitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND FOR ANY OPIOID
3 SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND
4 APPROPRIATING A PORTION OF THESE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH,
6 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FOR THE
7 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Opioid Abatement Fund is established as an interest-bearing
10 special fund. All funds received by the State as a beneficiary of the final consent judgment
11 resolving the case, State of North Carolina, ex rel. Joshua H. Stein, Plaintiff v. McKinsey and
12 Company, Inc., in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Wake County, shall be
13 deposited into the Fund pursuant to G.S. 114-2.4A. Moneys in the Fund shall be used to (i) cover
14 the costs incurred by the State in investigating and pursuing the claims in this case and (ii)
15 remediate the harms caused to North Carolina and its citizens by the opioid epidemic.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** Funds deposited into the Opioid Abatement Fund do not constitute
17 an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North
18 Carolina Constitution.

19 **SECTION 1.(c)** All funds received by the State as a beneficiary of the final consent
20 judgment resolving the case, State of North Carolina, ex rel. Joshua H. Stein, Plaintiff v.
21 McKinsey and Company, Inc., in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Wake
22 County, and deposited into the Opioid Abatement Fund shall remain unspent until appropriated
23 by an act of the General Assembly.

24 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Fund established
25 pursuant to Section 1 of this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
26 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of four
27 million dollars (\$4,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Department
28 shall use these funds to support the establishment and operation of a one-year opioid overdose
29 prevention pilot program that serves the purpose of educating the public about opioid use disorder
30 and overdose through public service announcements and the dissemination of other educational
31 materials to the public. In developing this pilot program, the Department may explore the
32 possibility of public-private partnerships to accomplish the purpose of the pilot program.

33 **SECTION 2.(b)** By March 1, 2023, the Department shall study and report to the
34 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the effectiveness of
35 the pilot program and any public-private partnerships approved by the Department as part of the
36 pilot program.



1 **SECTION 2.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021.

2 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes

3 law.