

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 137

Short Title: Study and Abate Ocular Melanoma/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Marcus (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 24, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO STUDY AND ABATE OCULAR MELANOMA IN
2 NORTHERN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Health and Human Services the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in
6 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, to be allocated to the Nicholas School of the
7 Environment at Duke University to study the potential causes of and solutions for abating ocular
8 melanoma in the towns of Huntersville and Cornelius and the surrounding area. In conducting
9 this study, the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University shall coordinate with the
10 North Carolina Policy Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (the
11 Collaboratory) and employ the strategies recommended by the Collaboratory in its April 2020
12 report to the General Assembly under Session Law 2019-145.

13 **SECTION 2.** The Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, in
14 cooperation with the Collaboratory, shall submit a report on the results of the study authorized
15 by Section 1 of this act, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight
16 Committee on Health and Human Services on or before December 1, 2022.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.
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