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SENATE BILL DRS45068-MGa-79

Short Title: Community Health Center Grants for LARCs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Batch, Garrett, and Marcus (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT
4 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF
5 LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of five million dollars
9 (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be used to award grants on a
10 competitive basis to nonprofit community health centers. Nonprofit community health centers
11 selected to receive these grant funds shall use all such funds to purchase and make available
12 long-acting reversible contraceptives for underserved, uninsured, or medically indigent patients.
13 As used in this section, the term "long-acting reversible contraceptives" means a contraceptive
14 drug or device that meets all of the following criteria:

- 15 (1) Is a method of birth control that provides effective contraception for an
16 extended period of time without depending upon user action.
- 17 (2) Is designed as a temporary method of birth control that the user can elect to
18 discontinue.
- 19 (3) Has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for
20 use as a contraceptive.
- 21 (4) Is obtained under a prescription written by a health care provider authorized
22 to prescribe medications under the laws of this State.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

