

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 554

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

Sponsors: Senators Marcus and Smith (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2023

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 Board of Governors
5 of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in
6 nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be allocated to East Carolina University to
7 fund a study by the East Carolina University Department of Public Health on the potential causes
8 of and solutions for abating ocular melanoma in the towns of Huntersville and Cornelius and the
9 surrounding area. In conducting this study, the East Carolina University Department of Public
10 Health shall coordinate with the North Carolina Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina
11 at Chapel Hill (the Collaboratory) and employ the strategies recommended by the Collaboratory
12 in its April 2020 report to the General Assembly under S.L. 2019-145.

13 **SECTION 2.** The East Carolina University Department of Public Health, 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 Education
16 Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
17 Services on or before December 1, 2024.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.
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