

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1231
SENATE BILL 583

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCING OF REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING.

Whereas, it is the public policy of this State to provide for and encourage comprehensive health planning as a means of increasing the availability of health services; and

Whereas, making health services accessible and available is in the public interest and area wide comprehensive health planning tends to reduce costs and promote accessibility through facilitation of the orderly and logical development of health care facilities and programs; and

Whereas, the General Assembly declares that the continuation of areawide health planning is in the best interest of the State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly recognizes the importance to the State health planning effort of the locally constituted and directed areawide comprehensive health planning councils officially serving North Carolina multi- county planning regions established by executive order; and

Whereas, in reviewing, commenting on, or approving proposed health programs and in developing plans to meet the health needs of the sub-state regions, these local councils are essential to the functioning of the State Office of Comprehensive Health Planning which has the overall responsibility for formulation of health policies and plans; and

Whereas, inasmuch as the activities of these local planning councils are of significant benefit to the State, the General Assembly intends hereby to provide funds for the support of local areawide health planning councils; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the State the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Office of State Planning of the Department of Administration to be used to make funding grants for the partial support of the locally constituted and directed areawide comprehensive health planning councils officially serving North Carolina multi-county planning regions established by executive order.

Sec. 2. The Office of State Planning of the Department of Administration is authorized and directed to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing allocation and the use of these grant funds but shall not make any grant to a single areawide comprehensive health planning agency of less than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for each region the agency serves.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of April, 1974.