



North Carolina General Assembly  
House of Representatives  
State Legislative Building  
Raleigh 27601-1096

April 24, 2018

Senator Philip E. Berger, President Pro Tem  
Speaker Tim Moore

Dear Senator Berger and Speaker Moore,

This letter is to report to the General Assembly on the work of the Task Force on Sentencing Reforms for Opioid Drug Convictions (the "Task Force") as required by S.L. 2017-115. The Task Force has met twice since the adjournment of the 2017 long session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

At its first meeting, the Task Force heard from representatives of the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, Department of Public Safety, Department of Health and Human Services, and Administrative Office of the Courts who presented a framework of current sentencing and incarceration statistics, treatment options, and the sequential intercept model of treatment as part of the criminal justice system.

At its second and most recent meeting, the Task Force heard a presentation on the approaches to the opioid crisis currently being undertaken by other states and the federal government. Also at this meeting, the Task Force heard comments from the public and discussed the members' perspectives on the issue.

The Task Force remains committed to continuing its examination into the sentencing of opioid drug convictions and considering options for modifying our existing statutes. The Task Force has no recommendations for the 2018 General Assembly's consideration, however if our studies reveal significant cause for recommendations we shall be pleased to forward them to you for your disposition at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Davis".

Senator Jim Davis  
Co-chair 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory F. Murphy, MD".

Representative Gregory F. Murphy, MD  
Co-chair 2018

cc: Legislative Library

