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**H 339. STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALING/HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS. TO PROVIDE FOR A CENTRALIZED CREDENTIALING PROGRAM.** Creates new GS 131E-256.5 to require Dep't of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a database of core credentials data on each health care provider. Authorizes Dep't to charge a fee, not to exceed actual costs, for release of this data. Prohibits health care entity or credentials verification program from collecting duplicate core credentials if data is available on the Dep't database. Requires practitioners to report changes in their core credential data to Dep't within 45 days of the change. Requires registration, licensing and liability insurance for credentials verification organizations. Appropriates from General Fund to the Dep't of Health and Human Services \$250,000 for fiscal year 2001-2002 and \$250,000 for fiscal year 2002-2003 to implement standard credentialing. Standard credential database requirements effective Jan. 1, 2002.

**Intro. by Wilson of Mecklenburg.**

Ref. to Rules	GS 131E, APPROP
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