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HOUSE DRH10180-LN-259 (4/4)

Short Title: Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Dickson, Carney, and Wiley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE; AND PERTAINING TO LABORATORY TESTS FOR KIDNEY DISEASE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine to continue the work of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force. The funds shall be used for professional and support staff, operating expenses, travel, and recommended interventions such as provider training regarding chronic kidney disease and grants to local health departments and other agencies for community screening initiatives.

SECTION 1.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall report annually on the use of these funds to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 2. Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 130A-220.1. Laboratory reporting results of tests for kidney disease.

When a laboratory in this State is requested to test a specimen to determine a patient's serum creatinine level, as ordered or prescribed by a licensed health care professional authorized to issue such order or prescription, the laboratory shall calculate and report estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) on any adult serum-based

1 creatinine using the MDRD (Modification of Diet in Renal Disease) prediction
2 equation."

3 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007. The
4 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to laboratory tests
5 conducted on and after that date.