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Short Title: DHHS/Office of Men's Health. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives England and Current (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF MEN'S HEALTH WITHIN THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY
4 THE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding the
7 following new Article to read:

8 "Article 5A.

9 "Men's Health.

10 **"§ 130A-131.26. Office of Men's Health established.**

11 (a) There is established in the Department the Office of Men's Health. The purpose of
12 the Office is to expand the State's public health concerns and focus to include a comprehensive
13 outlook on the overall health status of men. The primary goals of the Office shall be the
14 prevention of disease and improvement in the quality of life for men over their entire life span.
15 The Department shall develop strategies for achieving these goals which shall include, but not
16 be limited to:

17 (1) Developing a strategic plan to improve public services and programs
18 targeting men;

19 (2) Conducting policy analyses on specific issues related to men's health;

20 (3) Facilitating communication among the Department's programs and between
21 the Department and external men's health groups and community-based
22 organizations;

23 (4) Building public health awareness and capacity regarding men's health issues
24 by providing a series of services, including evaluation, recommendation,
25 technical assistance, and training; and

26 (5) Developing initiatives for modification or expansion of health services
27 oriented towards men's health issues with the intent of establishing
28 meaningful public/private partnerships in the future.

29 (b) The Office shall study the feasibility of establishing initiatives for:

30 (1) Early intervention services for men infected with HIV; and

31 (2) Outreach, treatment, and follow-up services to men at high risk for
32 contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

33 In conducting the study, the Department shall take into consideration related services already in
34 place in the Department and at the local level."



- 1 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall use funds
- 2 available for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal years to implement this act.
- 3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.