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Short Title: Expand Rx Drug Abuse Advisory Committee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Faircloth, R. Turner, Murphy, and Ross (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ADDING ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION
3 AND JUVENILE JUSTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO THE
4 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Subsections (m) through (q) of Section 12F.16 of S.L. 2015-241 are
7 codified as G.S. 90-113.75A and read as rewritten:

8 "**§ 90-113.75A. Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee; statewide strategic plan.**

9 (a) There is hereby created the Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee, to be
10 housed in and staffed by the ~~Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)~~ Department. The
11 Committee shall develop and, through its members, implement a statewide strategic plan to
12 combat the problem of prescription drug abuse. The Committee shall include representatives from
13 the following, as well as any other persons designated by the Secretary of Health and Human
14 Services:

- 15 (1) The ~~Department's~~ Division of Medical Assistance, ~~DHHS~~ Assistance.
16 (2) The ~~Department's~~ Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
17 Substance Abuse ~~Services, DHHS~~ Services.
18 (3) The ~~Department's~~ Division of Public Health, ~~DHHS~~ Health.
19 (4) The Rural Health Section of the ~~Department's~~ Division of Public Health,
20 ~~DHHS~~ Health.
21 (4a) The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of
22 Public Safety.
23 (5) The State Bureau of Investigation.
24 (6) The Attorney General's Office.
25 (7) The following health care regulatory boards with oversight of prescribers and
26 dispensers of prescription drugs:
27 a. North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners.
28 b. North Carolina Board of Nursing.
29 c. North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners.
30 d. North Carolina Medical Board.
31 e. North Carolina Board of Pharmacy.
32 (8) The UNC Injury Prevention Research Center.
33 (9) The substance abuse treatment community.
34 (10) Governor's Institute on Substance Abuse, Inc.
35 (11) The Department of Insurance's drug take-back program.



1 After developing the strategic plan, the Committee shall be the State's steering committee to
2 monitor achievement of strategic objectives and receive regular reports on progress made toward
3 reducing prescription drug abuse in North Carolina.

4 (b) In developing the statewide strategic plan to combat the problem of prescription drug
5 abuse, the Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee shall, at a minimum, complete the
6 following steps:

- 7 (1) Identify a mission and vision for North Carolina's system to reduce and prevent
8 prescription drug abuse.
- 9 (2) Scan the internal and external environment for the system's strengths,
10 weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges (a SWOC analysis).
- 11 (3) Compare threats and opportunities to the system's ability to meet challenges and
12 seize opportunities (a GAP analysis).
- 13 (4) Identify strategic issues based on SWOC and GAP analyses.
- 14 (5) Formulate strategies and resources for addressing these issues.

15 (c) The strategic plan for reducing prescription drug abuse shall include three to five
16 strategic goals that are outcome-oriented and measurable. Each goal must be connected with
17 objectives supported by the following five mechanisms of the system:

- 18 (1) Oversight and regulation of prescribers and dispensers by State health care
19 regulatory boards.
- 20 (2) Operation of the Controlled Substances Reporting System.
- 21 (3) Operation of the Medicaid lock-in program to review behavior of patients with
22 high use of prescribed controlled substances.
- 23 (4) Enforcement of State laws for the misuse and diversion of controlled
24 substances.
- 25 (5) Any other appropriate mechanism identified by the Committee.

26 (d) ~~DHHS, The Department,~~ in consultation with the Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory
27 Committee, shall develop and implement a formalized performance management system that
28 connects the goals and objectives identified in the statewide strategic plan to operations of the
29 Controlled Substances Reporting System and Medicaid lock-in program, law enforcement
30 activities, and oversight of prescribers and dispensers. The performance management system must
31 be designed to monitor progress toward achieving goals and objectives and must recommend
32 actions to be taken when performance falls short.

33 (e) Beginning on December 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, DHHS shall submit an
34 annual report on the performance of North Carolina's system for monitoring prescription drug
35 abuse to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint
36 Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety."

37 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.