

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2021**

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**SENATE BILL 831**

Short Title: Opioid Overdose Prevention Act. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators J. Jackson, Murdock, and Batch (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget

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May 27, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PURCHASE OPIOID  
4 ANTAGONISTS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE FREE OF  
5 CHARGE TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three hundred fifty thousand  
9 dollars (\$350,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to purchase opioid  
10 antagonists, as defined in G.S. 90-12.7, for local health departments for the purpose of reversing  
11 opioid-related drug overdoses and reducing the number of opioid-related deaths. Each local  
12 health department that is a recipient of opioid antagonists purchased with funds appropriated in  
13 this section shall distribute opioid antagonists free of charge to North Carolina residents.

14       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.



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