



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 966

AMENDMENT NO. 4
(to be filled in by
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Amends Title [NO]
House APP HHS Committee Report

Date 4-26 .2019

Representative Potts

1 moves to amend the House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
2 Committee Report on page C78, Item 136, by replacing "1,000,000 NR" with "\$910,000 NR" for
3 the 2019-2020 fiscal year and by replacing "\$750,000 NR" with "\$680,000 NR" for the
4 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

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6 on page C79, by adding a new Item to read:
7 **"140A. Firearm Safe Storage Awareness Initiative** **\$90,000 NR \$70,000 NR**
8 Provides funds to launch a Firearm Safe Storage
9 Awareness Initiative."; and

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11 moves to amend the House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services Proposed
12 Special Provisions Report dated April 26, 2019, on page 83, after line 17, by inserting the
13 following new section to read:

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15 **"FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE**

16 **SECTION #.(a)** Appropriation. – Of the funds appropriated to the Department of
17 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of ninety thousand dollars
18 (\$90,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of seventy thousand
19 two hundred dollars (\$70,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year shall be used
20 to cover any costs associated with launching the firearm safe storage awareness initiative
21 authorized by this section, including the purchase and distribution of gun locks.

22 **SECTION #.(b)** Firearm Safe Storage Awareness Initiative. – The Department of
23 Health and Human Services (Department) shall launch a two-year statewide firearm safe storage
24 awareness initiative to educate the public about the importance of the safe storage of firearms
25 and to facilitate the distribution of gun locks. The initiative required under this section shall
26 include the development of (i) the internet Web site and toolkit required under subsection (c) of
27 this section and (ii) the outreach process required under subsection (d) of this section.

28 **SECTION #.(c)** Development of Web Site and Toolkit. – The Department shall
29 develop an Internet Web site to provide information to the public about (i) the importance of the
30 safe storage of a firearm, especially with respect to access by children and youth; (ii) methods
31 for safely storing a firearm; (iii) contact information for obtaining free gun locks, if available;
32 (iv) information on State laws related to the safe storage of firearms; (v) links to Internet Web



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1 pages for various resources related to firearm safety such as resources addressing domestic
2 violence, hunter education, and suicide prevention; and (vi) access to a toolkit of information that
3 local communities may use to launch firearm safe storage initiatives at the local level. The toolkit
4 shall provide materials and resources that may be tailored to a community's needs and used for
5 launching local education and awareness campaigns, events, and local groups focused on firearm
6 safe storage and the distribution of free or discounted gun locks. The Department shall develop
7 the Web site and toolkit required under this subsection by July 1, 2020.

8 **SECTION #.(d)** Development of State-Coordinated Outreach. – Upon development
9 of the Web site and toolkit required under subsection (b) of this section, the Department shall
10 develop and implement an outreach process for disseminating the information and toolkit
11 described in subsection (c) of this section to the public and to local communities, as well as the
12 provision of technical assistance to local communities to assist them in utilizing the toolkit to
13 launch local initiatives.

14 **SECTION #.(e)** Use of Third-Party Entity. – The Department may contract with a
15 third-party entity with relevant expertise related to public health and injury prevention to launch
16 the firearm safe storage awareness initiative authorized by this section.

17 **SECTION #.(f)** Prohibition on Advocacy. – The firearm safe storage awareness
18 initiative authorized by this section, and any State funds used to launch and maintain the
19 initiative, shall not be used to advocate, promote, or lobby for the creation of new, or the revision
20 of existing, laws regulating firearms. The firearm safe storage awareness initiative, and any State
21 funds used to launch or maintain the initiative, shall only be used for the purposes set forth in
22 this section and only to explain and promote existing laws regulating firearms and best practices
23 for firearm storage and safety.

24 **SECTION #.(g)** Report. – The Department of Health and Human Services shall
25 submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
26 detailing the Department's progress in meeting the requirement set forth in Section 1 of this act.
27 The report required under this section shall be submitted by September 1, 2020."; and

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29 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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