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HOUSE BILL 99

Short Title: Health Director Orientation.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dickson; Bowman and Warner.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 19, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A HEALTH DIRECTOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND
NATURAL RESOURCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 130A-14. Local Health Director Orientation Program.

The Department shall establish and implement statewide a program to coordinate and strengthen orientation programs for local health directors. In establishing the program the Department shall consider input from the School of Public Health of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Institute of Government, Area Health Education Centers, and other appropriate agencies. All local health directors with less than two years experience as local health director in North Carolina shall attend a minimum number of orientation program hours during the first two years of employment as health director. The Department shall establish minimum attendance hour requirements for local health directors.

Local health departments shall permit local health directors to attend orientation sessions during working hours, as necessary, to comply with minimum attendance hour requirements established by the Department. The Department shall reimburse local health departments for tuition, travel, or other actual costs incurred to comply with the Department's minimum attendance requirements. Minimum attendance requirements of this section are applicable only to the extent that funds for travel, tuition and other

1 program costs are appropriated to the Department for that purpose by the General
2 Assembly, or are otherwise available to the Department from other sources."

3 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
4 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of \$10,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal
5 year and the sum of \$20,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for travel, tuition, and other
6 program costs of the Local Health Director Orientation Program established in section 1
7 of this act.

8 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to local health
9 directors who have less than two years experience beginning January 1, 1992.