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Short Title: Addiction Research Authority.

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; and Smith.

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Referred to: Ways and Means, if favorable, Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTION RESEARCH  
AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes is repealed.

Section 2. Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new Part to read:

**“PART 32. NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTION RESEARCH AUTHORITY.**

**“§ 143B-216.57. North Carolina Addiction Research Authority created; purpose; duties.**

(a) There is created the North Carolina Addiction Research Authority. The purpose of the Authority is to promote knowledge about the causes and characteristics of the misuse and abuse of and addiction to alcohol and other drugs.

(b) The North Carolina Addiction Research Authority shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) Promote and support research on alcohol and other drug abuse. The research shall include:

a. Basic research related to biomedical, behavioral, and psychosocial functions;

1           b.     Clinical research related to treatment and prevention; and  
2           c.     Health services research and outcome studies related to the  
3                 delivery of services;

4           (2)   Administer the Addiction Research Fund created under this Part;

5           (3)   Seek funds from State, federal, private, and other sources through  
6                 grants, contracts, donations, and other similar means, and also foster  
7                 opportunities for researchers in North Carolina to pursue other sources  
8                 of funding;

9           (4)   Facilitate dissemination of research findings and collaboration among  
10                the research community and treatment sites, and make findings  
11                available to the general public; and

12           (5)   Cooperate with the Substance Abuse Services section of the Department  
13                of Health and Human Services and other units of State government to  
14                pursue mutual research interests.

15 **"§ 143B-216.58. Authority governance; administration.**

16           (a)   The North Carolina Addiction Research Authority shall be governed by a 15-  
17                member board. The board shall be comprised of the following members:

18           (1)   One representative from each of the four medical schools in North  
19                Carolina, appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the  
20                dean of each medical school;

21           (2)   One representative from the School of Public Health of the University  
22                of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, appointed by the Governor upon the  
23                recommendation of the dean of the School of Public Health;

24           (3)   One representative from the Cannon Research Center in the Carolinas  
25                Medical Center in Charlotte, appointed by the Governor upon the  
26                recommendation of the Director of the Center;

27           (4)   One representative of the general public who is a recovering addict or  
28                who has a special interest in addiction research, appointed by the  
29                Governor;

30           (5)   One representative of the general public who is a recovering addict or  
31                who has a special interest in addiction research, appointed by the  
32                General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the  
33                House of Representatives;

34           (6)   One representative of the general public who is a recovering addict or  
35                who has a special interest in addiction research, appointed by the  
36                General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro  
37                Tempore of the Senate;

38           (7)   Two representatives from the general scientific community who are  
39                specialists in the biopsychosocial aspects of addiction, appointed by the  
40                Governor upon the recommendation of the President of the North  
41                Carolina Society of Addiction Medicine;

1           (8) One representative from the addiction field, appointed by the Governor  
2 upon the recommendation of the President of the Addiction  
3 Professionals of North Carolina; and

4           (9) Three representatives from the field of social sciences who are faculty  
5 members at campuses of The University of North Carolina not  
6 represented in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section, at least two of  
7 whom shall be from historically black colleges or universities,  
8 appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the President of  
9 The University of North Carolina.

10       The initial term of persons appointed under subdivisions (1) and (3) of this  
11 subsection shall be for two years; the initial term of persons appointed under subdivisions  
12 (7) and (9) shall be for one year; and the initial terms of persons appointed under  
13 subdivisions (2), (4), (5), (6), and (8) shall be for three years. Thereafter all terms shall  
14 be for three years. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the original appointing  
15 authority, using the criteria set out in this section for the original appointment.

16       (b) The board shall elect one of its members as chair and one as vice-chair. The  
17 Director of the Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse shall serve ex  
18 officio as executive secretary to the Authority. The Institute shall perform the following  
19 functions:

20           (1) Implement and monitor competitive grants programs which shall be  
21 open to qualified North Carolina-based organizations. The grants  
22 programs shall utilize generally accepted peer review processes;

23           (2) Facilitate the dissemination of research findings through various means  
24 such as conferences, publications, and networks; and

25           (3) Other functions as directed by the board.

26       (c) The Authority may adopt rules establishing the grant review process and  
27 providing for the review of grant applicants and awarding of grant funds.

28 **"§ 143B-216.59. Authorization to receive and spend funds.**

29       The North Carolina Addiction Research Authority may receive funds from State,  
30 federal, and private or other sources. These funds shall be deposited to a separate fund  
31 designated as the 'Addiction Research Fund'. The Authority shall use monies from the  
32 Fund for a competitive grants program to promote and support research on alcohol and  
33 other drug abuse under conditions determined by the Authority. The Authority may use  
34 monies from the Fund for administrative costs to carry out its duties and responsibilities  
35 under this Part."

36       Section 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina  
37 Addiction Research Fund the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the  
38 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the  
39 2000-2001 fiscal year to implement this act.

40       Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.