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HOUSE BILL 1680*

Short Title: Health Standards/Secretary HHS.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nye; Warner and Barefoot.

Referred to: Public Health, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 24, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY HEALTH STANDARDS, AND TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 130A-5.1. State health standards.

(a) The Secretary shall adopt measurable standards and goals for community health against which the State's actions to improve the health status of its citizens will be measured. The Secretary shall report annually to the General Assembly upon its convening and to the Governor on all of the following:

- (1) How the State compares to national health measurements and established State goals for each standard. Comparisons shall be reported using disaggregated data for health standards.
- (2) Steps taken by State and non-State entities to meet established goals.
- (3) Additional steps proposed or planned to be taken to achieve established goals.

1 (b) The Secretary may coordinate and contract with other entities to assist in the
2 establishment of standards and preparation of the report. The Secretary may use
3 resources available to implement this section."

4 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Health and Human Services the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2000-
6 2001 fiscal year to implement this act.

7 Section 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2000. Section 2
8 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2000. The remainder of this act is effective when it
9 becomes law.