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**SENATE BILL 1286*
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 6/3/10**

Short Title: Screen for BMI Children CCNC Network.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 20, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
3 EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPLEMENT BODY MASS INDEX SCREENING FOR
4 CHILDREN WHO ARE ENROLLED IN MEDICAID OR ARE PARTICIPATING IN
5 NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CHOICE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM AS
6 RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD
7 OBESITY.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical
10 Assistance, shall study the feasibility of requiring providers enrolled in Community Care of
11 North Carolina (CCNC) to implement body mass index (BMI) screening for children who are
12 receiving Medicaid or participating in the North Carolina Health Choice for Children Program.
13 As part of the study, the Division shall consider:

- 14 (1) Establishing performance goals related to using BMI to monitor a child's
15 development within each CCNC network.
16 (2) Developing a uniform protocol across the CCNC network to ensure the
17 integrity and confidentiality of information collected through BMI
18 screenings.
19 (3) Implementing other methods of collecting data that would assist in screening
20 weight categories that may lead to health problems.

21 **SECTION 2.** The Department shall encourage CCNC networks to collaborate with
22 local health departments, county departments of social services, Eat Smart, Move More
23 coalitions, and local education agencies on ways to use results from BMI screening to improve
24 the health of children.

25 **SECTION 3.** Not later than September 1, 2011, the Department shall report its
26 findings and any recommendations to the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity, to the
27 Public Study Health Commission, and to the Fiscal Research Division.

28 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

