GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

S SENATE BILL 451*

Short Title:	Extend Reporting on Baby Boomer Preparations.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Bingham; Allran, Atwater, Blake, Brunstetter, Forrester, Hunt Rabon, Stevens, and Tucker.	, Preston,
Referred to:	Health Care.	
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT THAT DIRECTED THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE ON AGING, AND THE DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN HELPING NORTH CAROLINA PREPARE FOR INCREASED NUMBERS OF OLDER ADULTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. Sections 1 and 2 of S.L. 2009-407 read as rewritten:

"SECTION 1. The University of North Carolina Institute on Aging, and the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services, and other State agencies as applicable shall help the State prepare for increased numbers of older adults, due to the aging of the baby boomer generation and the influx of elderly retirees into the State. Activities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Organizing and facilitating meetings of gerontologists, researchers, county representatives, directors of area agencies on aging, and providers of State services, to collectively identify and prioritize issues for the State to address. Tasks may include, but are not limited to, the items listed below:
 - a. Consolidating information gathered during 2010 Aging Policy Roundtables, Key Informant Surveys, and the Governor's Conference on Aging into specific issues.
 - <u>b.</u> <u>Identifying broad activities undertaken and future action needed for the most critical issues.</u>
 - c. Prioritizing these issues on an annual basis, with input from the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, so that the Department of Health and Human Services and the General Assembly will have direction on those issues that are most critical for the State to address.
- Working with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the University of North Carolina School of Government, higher education departments of municipal and regional planning and their partners, and area agencies on aging to establish a Web site containing:
 - a. Information on fostering retiree and volunteer—involvement,and involvement because utilizing volunteers will help local governments and the State respond to needs that are unmet as a result of fiscal limitations.



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b. Models of local planning efforts, in order to assist municipalities in addressing accessibility and service delivery for increasing numbers of older adults.

"SECTION 2. The University of North Carolina Institute on Aging, and the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services, shall make progress reports on the activities required by this act to the Governor and to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging on or before March 1, 2010, and on or before November 1, 2010, and shall provide annual updates on the activities required by this act on or before October 1 from 2011 through 2015."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.