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HOUSE BILL 128

Short Title: Establish Prostate Cancer Control Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Pierce, Reeder, Campbell, and Brody (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 17, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A
PROSTATE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to establish and administer a statewide Prostate Cancer Control Program that provides free or low-cost prostate cancer screenings and follow-up to any man residing in North Carolina who meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Is uninsured or underinsured.
- (2) Is not a beneficiary of Medicare Part B or Medicaid.
- (3) Is between 50 and 70 years of age and without a family history of prostate cancer or is between 40 and 70 years of age with a family history of prostate cancer. For the purpose of this subdivision, a man with a family history of prostate cancer means any man with at least one first-degree relative who (i) was diagnosed with prostate cancer, (ii) developed prostate cancer, (iii) died as a result of prostate cancer, (iv) was diagnosed with a cancer known to be associated with increased risk of prostate cancer, or (v) has a genetic alteration known to be associated with increased risk of prostate cancer.
- (4) Has a household income below two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

