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SENATE BILL DRS55061-MGa-145C

Short Title: Community Health Center Grants for LARCs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Batch and Smith (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO AWARD ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO
4 LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH
5 CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LONG-ACTING
6 REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 4.1 of S.L. 2023-14 reads as rewritten:

9 "**SECTION 4.1.** Effective July 1, 2023, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the
10 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three million
11 five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) in recurring funds for ~~each year of the 2023-2025~~
12 fiscal biennium to the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the sum of eight million five hundred thousand
13 dollars (\$8,500,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to award grants
14 on a competitive basis to local health departments and nonprofit community health centers.
15 Nonprofit community health centers selected to receive these grant funds shall use the funds to
16 purchase and make available long-acting reversible contraceptives for underserved, uninsured,
17 or medically indigent patients. As used in this section, the term "long-acting reversible
18 contraceptives" means a contraceptive drug or device that meets all of the following criteria:

- 19 (1) Is a method of birth control that provides effective contraception for an
20 extended period of time without depending upon user action.
21 (2) Is designed as a temporary method of birth control that the user can elect to
22 discontinue.
23 (3) Has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for
24 use as a contraceptive.
25 (4) Is obtained under a prescription written by a health care provider authorized
26 to prescribe medications under the laws of this State."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.



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