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HOUSE BILL DRH40007-NDa-22

Short Title: Pilot Project to Treat Opioid Overdose. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Davis.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND  
3 IMPLEMENT THE QUICK RESPONSE TEAM PILOT PROJECT TO ADDRESS  
4 UNMET NEEDS OF OPIATE OVERDOSE VICTIMS WHO ARE IN NEED OF  
5 FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT, COUNSELING, SUPPORT, AND OTHER RECOVERY  
6 SERVICES.

7 Whereas, since the implementation of the Quick Response Team Pilot Project, there  
8 has been an immediate increase in the Wilmington area of opioid overdose survivors agreeing to  
9 follow-up treatment for their drug use; and

10 Whereas, the Quick Response Team Pilot Project had funding for the 2018-2019 and  
11 2019-2020 fiscal years, but not for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

12 Whereas, the funding for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was included in the 2019  
13 Appropriations Act, however, that Act was vetoed and the funds were not received by the Quick  
14 Response Team Pilot Project; and

15 Whereas, the Quick Response Team Pilot Project was able to continue during the  
16 2020-2021 fiscal year with the assistance of various local one-time funding contributions and  
17 had continued success with opioid overdose survivors agreeing to continued treatment for their  
18 drug use; and

19 Whereas, the ability to gather three years of data related to the Quick Response Team  
20 Pilot Project would be helpful in justifying a request that the Quick Response Team Pilot Project  
21 continue as a permanent program with recurring funding; Now, therefore,  
22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

23 **SECTION 1.** Pilot Project. – The Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with  
24 the City of Wilmington, shall continue to develop and implement the pilot project known as the  
25 Quick Response Team (QRT) to address the needs of opiate and heroin overdose victims who  
26 are not getting follow-up treatment.

27 **SECTION 2.** Report. – The Department of Public Safety and the City of Wilmington  
28 shall report on the results of the QRT Pilot Project to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee  
29 on Justice and Public Safety of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly upon its  
30 reconvening.

31 **SECTION 3.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
32 Department of Public Safety the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in nonrecurring  
33 funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in  
34 nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to fund the continued development and  
35 implementation of the Quick Response Team Pilot Project to address the needs of opiate and  
36 heroin overdose victims in the City of Wilmington.



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**SECTION 4.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.