

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1199\***

Short Title: Coordinate Drug Program Access. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Carter; Cunningham, Garrou, Harris, Lee, Lucas, Metcalf, Purcell, Robinson, Swindell, Thomas, Weinstein, and Wellons.

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Referred to: Children & Human Resources.

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June 5, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
2 SERVICES TO STUDY WAYS THE STATE CAN COORDINATE AND  
3 FACILITATE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FREE AND  
4 DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall study  
8 ways the State can coordinate and facilitate public access to public and private free and  
9 discount prescription drug programs for senior citizens. In undertaking this study, the  
10 Department shall consider the coordination and facilitation methods being implemented  
11 by other states. On or before January 1, 2003, the Department shall report its findings  
12 and recommendations to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging. The report  
13 shall include the following:

- 14 (1) A description of the various coordination and facilitation methods  
15 considered.  
16 (2) A description of the coordination and facilitation methods of other  
17 states.  
18 (3) A recommendation as to the best way to coordinate and facilitate  
19 access in this State, which shall include the reasons for the  
20 recommendation, a fiscal analysis of the cost of the recommendation,  
21 and whether any legislation is necessary to implement the  
22 recommendation.

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