

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 321

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

Sponsors: Representative Davis.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: State and Local Government, if favorable, Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 12, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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 has funding for the 2018-2019 and
11 2019-2020 fiscal years, but not for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

12 Whereas, the ability to gather three years of data related to the Quick Response Team
13 Pilot Project would be helpful in justifying a request that the Quick Response Team Pilot Project
14 continue as a permanent program with recurring funding; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

20 **SECTION 2.** Report. – The Department of Public Safety and the City of Wilmington
21 shall report on the results of the QRT Pilot Project to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
22 on Justice and Public Safety of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly, upon its
23 reconvening.

24 **SECTION 3.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
25 Department of Public Safety the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in
26 nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to fund the continued development and
27 implementation of the Quick Response Team to address the needs of opiate and heroin overdose
28 victims in the City of Wilmington.

29 **SECTION 4.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

