

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 17

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: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

January 28, 2021

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 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



- 1 implementation of the Quick Response Team Pilot Project to address the needs of opiate and
2 heroin overdose victims in the City of Wilmington.
3 **SECTION 4.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.