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HOUSE BILL DRH30319-MGa-130A

Short Title: Trauma Center Funding.

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Sponsors: Representative Reeder.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION, OFFICE OF  
4 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, TO ASSIST TRAUMA CENTERS IN  
5 FULFILLING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE'S  
6 TRAUMA SYSTEM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
9 Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Office of Emergency  
10 Medical Services (OEMS), the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in recurring funds for  
11 the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in recurring funds for  
12 the 2024 2025 fiscal year to be allocated to OEMS-designated trauma centers, based on the  
13 percentage of trauma patients recorded in the North Carolina Trauma Registry that are affiliated  
14 with each of the OEMS-designated trauma centers. Trauma centers that are recipients of these  
15 allocated funds may not use them for any purposes other than to offset costs incurred for any of  
16 the following:

- 17 (1) Managing the State's trauma registry.
- 18 (2) Conducting quality improvement program activities.
- 19 (3) Conducting outreach activities.
- 20 (4) Conducting injury prevention activities.
- 21 (5) Conducting program development activities.
- 22 (6) Conducting research activities.
- 23 (7) Conducting accreditation and verification support activities.
- 24 (8) Providing professional development and educational opportunities for trauma  
25 center staff.

26 **SECTION 1.(b)** Trauma centers that are recipients of these allocated funds may not  
27 use these funds to offset the costs of services provided to patients.

28 **SECTION 1.(c)** The OEMS may use up to five percent (5%) of these allocated funds  
29 for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium for administrative purposes related to  
30 administering these funds and preparing the annual report required by subsection (d) of this  
31 section.

32 **SECTION 1.(d)** By December 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the OEMS shall  
33 report on the use of these funds to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and  
34 Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall include a detailed breakdown  
35 of expenditures.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.



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