GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 371

Short Title:	Opioid Overdose Prevention Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Batch, Garrett, and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	

March 28, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PURCHASE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE FREE OF CHARGE TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the sum of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to purchase opioid antagonists, as defined in G.S. 90-12.7, for local health departments for the purpose of reversing opioid-related drug overdoses and reducing the number of opioid-related deaths. Each local health department that is a recipient of opioid antagonists purchased with funds appropriated in this section shall distribute opioid antagonists free of charge to North Carolina residents.

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