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SENATE BILL DRS35198-MMza-42B*

Short Title: PED Study - DPS/Health Services/Funds for FTE. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Waddell and Foushee (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
3 HEALTH SERVICES, TO FUND ONE FULL-TIME SOCIAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST
4 III TO ANALYZE DATA ON INMATE HEALTH CARE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
5 JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Public Safety, Health Services, the sum of eighty-two thousand one hundred fifteen dollars
9 (\$82,115) in recurring funds for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to fund one full-time Social
10 Research Specialist III, or equivalent job classification, who shall be responsible for combining
11 and analyzing data on inmate health care, including encounters by health services staff within
12 prisons, claims data from contracted providers, and purchasing information for pharmaceuticals
13 and supplies, for the purpose of identifying factors that increase inmate health care costs and
14 ways in which the Department can limit those factors. The Social Research Specialist III shall
15 report directly to the Director of the Division of Health Services.
16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.



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