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SENATE BILL DRS45069-MGa-78

Short Title: Opioid Overdose Prevention Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Batch, Garrett, and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PURCHASE OPIOID  
4 ANTAGONISTS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE FREE OF  
5 CHARGE TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of fifteen million dollars  
9 (\$15,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the sum of fifteen million  
10 dollars (\$15,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to be used to purchase  
11 opioid antagonists, as defined in G.S. 90-12.7, for local health departments for the purpose of  
12 reversing opioid-related drug overdoses and reducing the number of opioid-related deaths. Each  
13 local health department that is a recipient of opioid antagonists purchased with funds  
14 appropriated in this section shall distribute opioid antagonists free of charge to North Carolina  
15 residents.  
16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

