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SENATE BILL DRS55012-MGa-98A

Short Title: Community Health Center Grants for LARCs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chitlik, Murdock, and Bradley (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 PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT
4 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF
5 LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES.

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 two million five hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium
10 to be used to award grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit community health centers.
11 Nonprofit community health centers selected to receive these grant funds shall use all such funds
12 to purchase and make available long-acting reversible contraceptives for underserved, uninsured,
13 or medically indigent patients. As used in this section, the term "long-acting reversible
14 contraceptives" means a contraceptive drug or device that meets all of the following criteria:

- 15 (1) Is a method of birth control that provides effective contraception for an
16 extended period of time without depending upon user action.
17 (2) Is designed as a temporary method of birth control that the user can elect to
18 discontinue.
19 (3) Has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for
20 use as a contraceptive.
21 (4) Is obtained under a prescription written by a health care provider authorized
22 to prescribe medications under the laws of this State.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.



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