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HOUSE BILL 961

Short Title: Oversight of LME/MCOs/New FTEs within DHHS. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Smith and Gailliard (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW POSITIONS WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THAT WILL PROVIDE
OVERSIGHT OF THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES/MANAGED CARE
ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN THIS STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) the sum of one hundred eighty-one thousand dollars (\$181,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and one hundred eighty-one thousand dollars (\$181,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to create two new full-time positions within DHHS. The two positions shall be at the level of associate director or above and created in such a way that one position is serving in an assistant capacity to the other. Together, the two positions shall be responsible for the oversight of the local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs), as defined under G.S. 122C-3, operating in this State. These positions shall work to ensure that the LME/MCOs are operating appropriately and efficiently to serve the maximum number of individuals in this State with the highest quality of care possible. As part of the oversight of LME/MCOs in this State, both positions shall be responsible for compiling and presenting information on how funding is provided to LME/MCOs by DHHS.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

