



Bill Draft 2015-TH-4*: SOG Pilot Project Standards.

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SUMMARY: Bill draft 2015-TH-4 requires the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to coordinate a working group charged with developing standards for State agencies to use when designing and implementing pilot projects mandated by the General Assembly. The draft also requires the Office of State Budget and Management to adopt rules implementing the standards.

BILL ANALYSIS: Bill draft 2015-TH-4 requires the School of Government to coordinate a working group to develop standards for state agencies to guide evaluation of pilot projects. The School of Government must make a preliminary report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee (JLPEOC), the Director of the Program Evaluation Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) by December 1, 2015. The JLPEOC is required to provide feedback to the School of Government on the preliminary report. The final proposed standards must be presented to the JLPEOC and OSBM by December 1, 2016. OSBM must then adopt rules to implement the proposed standards and report to the JLPEOC upon adoption of the rules.

After June 1, 2017, all State entities are required to conduct and complete pilot projects requested by the General Assembly in accordance with the final standards adopted by OSBM.

The School of Government is authorized to prepare proposed updates to the pilot project standards as it deems necessary, and must present those updates to OSBM for review and adoption. OSBM is required to report to the JLPEOC on any changes to the rules. The School of Government must publish proposed updates to standards on its website at least 90 days before the proposed standards are submitted to OSBM.

The bill draft also appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the School of Government for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to implement the requirements of this act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The appropriation to the School of Government becomes effective July 1, 2015. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to standards adopted on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: Two reports by the Program Evaluation Division recommended establishing standards for the evaluation of pilot projects:

- PED Report 2014-02, Driver Education:
http://www.ncleg.net/PED/Reports/documents/DriverEd/Driver_Education_Report.pdf
- PED report 2014-11, DHHS Overnight Respite Pilot:
<http://www.ncleg.net/PED/Reports/2014/Respite.html>

