



HOUSE BILL 277: Naturopathic Study.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 277 creates a study of naturopathic medicine.*

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 277 creates a study group to develop recommendations for the regulation of naturopathic medicine in North Carolina. On or before September 15, 2018, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the Secretary's designee is required to convene a work group to study the delivery of naturopathic medicine in North Carolina. The group would consist of:

- two naturopathic doctors,
- one medical doctor,
- the chairperson of the North Carolina Medical Board or the chairperson's designee,
- the Secretary of DHHS or the Secretary's designee

The study group's recommendations must include the following:

- Identification of an approved program of study of naturopathic medicine offered by an institution of higher education that leads to a degree as a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine.
- A scope of practice for naturopathic doctors.
- Whether the practice of naturopathic medicine should constitute the practice of medicine or surgery as defined in Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
- Recommendations on appropriate fees for application, examination, certification, renewals, and late renewals, which may be necessary to cover the costs of oversight.

The work group is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before January 15, 2019. The recommendations must include appropriate fees for application, examination, certification, renewals, and late renewal, as appropriate to cover the associated costs for oversight.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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