



# HOUSE BILL 277: Expand Rx Drug Abuse Advisory Committee.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 277 would codify language from the 2015 budget creating a Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee, making a number of technical changes to that language and adding to the list of representatives required to be on the Committee a representative from the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice within the Department of Public Safety.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee is housed and staffed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and charged by statute with developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan to combat the problem of prescription drug abuse. In addition to any other person the Secretary designates, the Committee must include representatives from the following:

- DHHS Division of Medical Assistance
- DHHS Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
- DHHS Division of Public Health
- Rural Health Section of DHHS Division of Public Health
- State Bureau of Investigation
- Attorney General's Office
- North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners
- North Carolina Board of Nursing
- North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners
- North Carolina Medical Board
- North Carolina Board of Pharmacy
- UNC Injury Prevention Research Center
- The substance abuse treatment community
- Governor's Institute on Substance Abuse, Inc.
- Department of Insurance drug take-back program

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 277 adds to the above list of required representatives a representative from the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice from the Department of Public Safety, codifies the language as G.S. 90-113.75A, and makes a number of technical changes to the language of the existing session law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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