

## **SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 16.3A: Pilot Project to Treat Opiate Overdose**

2017-2018 General Assembly

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| Introduced by: |                            | Prepared by: | Bill Patterson  |
| Analysis of:   | Sec. 16.3A of S.L. 2017-57 |              | Staff Attorney  |

OVERVIEW: Section 16.3A of S.L. 2017-57 directs the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the City of Wilmington to implement a two-year pilot project to address the needs of opiate and heroin overdose victims who are not getting follow-up treatment and to report to the 2019 Session of the General Assembly on the project results.

This section became effective June 28, 2017.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 16.3A of S.L. 2017-57 directs DPS and the City of Wilmington to develop and implement a pilot project establishing a "Quick Response Team" to address the needs of opiate and heroin overdose victims who are not getting follow-up treatment. The team comprises firefighters, police officers, medics, behavioral health specialists, and other law enforcement as determined by DPS and the City of Wilmington. This section also requires DPS and Wilmington to report on the results of the pilot project to the 2019 Session of the General Assembly.

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