



HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(53): NC HealthConnex Funds

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Analysis of:	Sec. 3.3(53) of S.L. 2020-4		

OVERVIEW: Section 3.3 of S.L. 2020-4, as may have been amended by Section 3 of S.L. 2020-32, Section 4 of S.L. 2020-49, Section 1.1(d) of S.L. 2020-80, Section 3B(b) of S.L. 2020-88, and Section 4.9(a) of S.L. 2020-91, is amended by Section 1.1(d) of S.L. 2020-80 to add a new subsection (53) allocating \$2.6 million to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide additional funding for the statewide health information exchange network known as NC HealthConnex, for the implementation of specified COVID-19 related operations and improvements.

This section became effective July 1, 2020.

BILL ANALYSIS: Sec. 1.1(d) allocates \$2.6 million to NC HealthConnex to implement the following COVID-19 related operations and improvements:

- Building bidirectional data exchanges and patient matching services between NC HealthConnex and the State's electronic disease surveillance systems, NC Electronic Disease Surveillance System and NC Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT), to better monitor the ongoing impact of COVID-19 in North Carolina.
- Developing public health dashboards to enable health care providers to identify emerging trends and at-risk populations to support operations and point of care decisions.
- Providing COVID-19 test results delivery services to NC HealthConnex participants.
- Providing care management teams with detailed clinical histories and identification of emerging at-risk patients for improved patient care.
- Developing a pilot analytics project with specified goals.

Sec. 1.1(d) directs the OSBM to work with the North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority (NC HIEA) to leverage existing public private partnerships for the development and implementation of the COVID-19 related operations and improvements described.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 1, 2020.

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