

## HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(23): NC Policy Collaboratory Funds

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OVERVIEW: Section 3.3(23) of S.L. 2020-4, requires the Office of State Budget and Management to allocate \$29,000,000 of the funds appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory to be used for the following: (i) rapid development of a countermeasure of neutralizing antibodies for COVID-19, (ii) bringing a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine to the public as soon as possible, (iii) community testing initiatives, and (iv) other research and activities related to monitoring, assessing, and addressing the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The following statutes do not apply to the purchase of apparatus, supplies, material, or equipment with the funds allocated under this subdivision: purchase and contract requirements in Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the procedure for letting of public contracts contained in G.S. 143-129, and the powers of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina regarding certain purchasing contract contained in G.S. 116-31.10

No later than September 1, 2020, the Collaboratory is required to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the progress of the requirements of this subdivision and the use of appropriated funds.

This section became effective May 4, 2020.

