

## HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(35a): COVID-19 Testing Funds

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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 1.2 of S.L. 2020-97 to add a new subdivision (35a) that provides \$34,002,617 to the Office of State Budget and Management to be allocated for COVID-19 testing as provided below.

- \$29,002,617 to be distributed in equal amounts to the NC Senior Living Association, NC Health Care Facilities Association, and the NC Assisted Living Association to purchase COVID-19 tests with 50% of the funds used to purchase rapid COVID-19 tests. The tests must be distributed equally among member facilities, free of charge, for testing facility staff, residents, and visitors. Additionally, member facilities must reserve COVID-19 rapid tests received under this subdivision for testing visitors who are family members or legal guardians of residents.
- \$5 million to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to be used to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on UNC campuses through testing, tracing, enforcing required on-campus isolation and quarantine and providing COVID-19 related health care services.

This subdivision became effective September 4, 2020.

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