



# HOUSE BILL 133: Veterans/Health Care/Pilot Program.

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 133 would require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to develop a pilot program in Cumberland County to provide health care services to veterans.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1.(a) of the act would require DHHS and DMVA, in coordination with Community Care of North Carolina and Maxim Healthcare Services, to develop a two-year pilot program in Cumberland County to provide health care services to veterans.

The pilot program would consist of two initiatives:

- A health care initiative to provide to veterans increased health care resources through the care coordination efforts of community health workers.
- A workforce initiative to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed veterans as community health workers for the pilot program's health care initiative.

Section 1.(b) would terminate the pilot program on June 30, 2021.

Section 1.(c) would require DHHS to submit an evaluation of the pilot program to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2021. The evaluation must include the ways in which the pilot program provided to veterans increased access to health care resources, the number of unemployed and underemployed veterans who were recruited and trained as community health workers, and the ways DHHS spent appropriated funding.

Section 2 of this act would appropriate \$400,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2019-2020 and \$350,000 in nonrecurring funds for 2020-2021 from the General Fund to DHHS to support the development and implementation of the pilot program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective July 1, 2019.

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