



HOUSE BILL 321: Pilot Project to Treat Opioid Overdose.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House State and Local Government. If **Date:** May 22, 2019
favorable, re-refer to Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 321 would direct the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the City of Wilmington to continue to develop and implement the Quick Response Team Pilot Project to address the needs of opiate and heroin overdose victims who are not getting follow-up treatment and appropriates to DPS from the General Fund, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to fund the continuation of the pilot project.*

CURRENT LAW: S.L. 2017-257, the 2017 Appropriations Act, directed DPS, in conjunction with the City of Wilmington, to develop and implement a pilot project to establish a Quick Response Team (QRT) to address the needs of opiate and heroin overdose victims who are not getting follow-up treatment. The QRT is staffed by firefighters, police officers, medics, behavioral health specialists, and other law enforcement selected by DPS and the City of Wilmington. DPS and the City of Wilmington were to report on the results of the pilot project to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2019.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 321 would direct DPS and the City of Wilmington, to continue to develop and implement the as "Quick Response Team" (QRT) pilot project to address the needs of opiate and heroin overdose victims who are not getting follow-up treatment and to report the results of the pilot project to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly, upon its reconvening. The bill would appropriates from the General Fund to DPS, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to fund the continued development and implementation of the pilot program in the City of Wilmington.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective July 1, 2020.

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