



# SENATE BILL 297: Cancer Research Advisory Panel.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 297 directs the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory (Collaboratory) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to assemble a research advisory panel (Panel) to study and develop recommendations on how best to implement a research program to determine whether any cancer clusters exist within the State.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1** would direct the Collaboratory to assemble a research advisory panel (Panel) to discuss, review, and analyze statewide cancer data and develop a recommendation for the General Assembly for the best strategies to determine if, and where, statistically significant clusters of cancer incidents exist within North Carolina.

In establishing the Panel, the Collaboratory shall consult with the following agencies and institutions to identify experts to participate either on the Panel, or as expert advisers to the Panel.

- The Department of Health and Human Services;
- The Department of Environmental Quality;
- The Gillings School of Global Public Health at UNC;
- The UNC School of Medicine;
- The Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at UNC;
- The Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University; and
- The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

The Collaboratory may use any currently available funding, including General Assembly appropriations, to support this study, including, but not limited to, travel expenses for participants.

The Collaboratory may submit to the General Assembly the Panel's draft recommendations no earlier than December 31, 2019, and shall submit the Panel's final recommendations no later than April 30, 2020.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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