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HOUSE BILL 243: Budget Technical Corrections, Sec. 3.6: Redirect Veterans Health Care Pilot Program Funding to Health-Related Job Training and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

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OVERVIEW: Section 3.6(a) of S.L. 2022-6 provides that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the amounts of \$400,000 in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and \$350,000 in the 2022-2023 fiscal year appropriated to the Office of Rural Health, Division of Central Management and Support, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), are required to be used to develop and implement a two-year pilot program to provide health care services to veterans in Cumberland County pursuant to Section 9B.5 of S.L. 2021-180, must instead be used for job training and substance use disorder treatment services as follows:

- The sum of \$25,000 for the 2021-22 fiscal year must be allocated as a directed grant to Dominion Health Care Foundation, a nonprofit organization, and used to cover the cost of job training programs and internships for individuals seeking careers as phlebotomy technicians, medical assistants, clinical laboratory assistants, or certified nursing assistants. The job training programs and internships must target historically marginalized populations residing in Cumberland County who (i) are veterans, (ii) are unemployed due to COVID-19, or (iii) were formerly incarcerated.
- The sum of \$375,000 for the 2021-22 fiscal year, and \$350,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year, must be transferred to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, DHHS, and allocated as a directed grant to Community-Based Developmental Services, Inc., a nonprofit organization, to increase the organization's capacity to provide certified clinical assessment case management, and medication-assisted treatment services for uninsured individuals with substance use disorders. The services must target, but are not exclusively for, uninsured individuals who are members of North Carolina's Hispanic/LatinX or American Indian populations.

Section 3.6(b) repeals Section 9B.5 of S.L. 2021-180.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.

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