SENATE BILL 105:
2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9D.12:
Expand North Carolina Innovations Waiver Slots

OVERVIEW: Section 9D.12 of S.L. 2021-180 adds 1,000 slots to the Innovations waiver over the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. The majority of the slots are to be distributed among counties using the same method that has historically been used, but a smaller portion of the slots are to be distributed among counties on a per capita basis, if allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section authorizes the Division of Health Benefits, Department of Health and Human Services, to pursue a new waiver or change the current Innovations waiver, including pursuing a tiered waiver system, to serve the maximum possible number of people on the State's registry of unmet needs in the future. Under Section 9D.8A of the act, funds in the HCBS Fund must be used for the cost of additional Innovation waiver slots.

This section became effective November 18, 2021.