

HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9B.5: Expansion of the Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Initiative Pilot Program

Committee: Date: November 20, 2023 Introduced by: Prepared by: Jason Moran-Bates Analysis of: Sec. 9B.5 of S.L. 2023-134 Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Section 9B.5 of S.L. 2023-134 requires the Office of Rural Health, Division of Central Management, Department of Health and Human Services, to allocate \$1,703,250 in nonrecurring funds from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium as a grant to the North Carolina Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA) to expand its Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Initiative. The apprentices funded by this initiative will be placed at the following sites:

- Rural Health Group, Inc. locations in Edgecombe, Granville, Halifax, Northampton, Vance, and Warren Counties.
- OIC Family Medical Center.
- Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers, Inc.
- Kintegra Health in Davidson County.
- United Health Centers in Forsyth County.

NCCHCA must report on the use of the funds to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by November 1, 2024, and November 1, 2025.

This section became effective July 1, 2023

