



HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9G.8: Use of Opioid Settlement Funds

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Analysis of: Sec. 9G.8 of S.L. 2023-134

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OVERVIEW: Section 9G.8 of S.L. 2023-134 directs the State Controller to transfer \$5.5 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and \$5.5 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from the Opioid Abatement Reserve to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, \$300,000 of the funds are to conduct a study on judicially managed accountability and recovery courts. The remaining amount of the funds are to make grants available to each campus of the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina for opioid abatement research and development projects.

Section 9G.8 of S.L. 2023-134 instructs the State Controller to transfer \$3,692,461 in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and \$4,478,462 in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from the Opioid Abatement Reserve to the Opioid Abatement Fund to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (DMH/DD/SUS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to be allocated as grants to specified recipients. Fund recipients must use the grants to fund opioid remediation programs, services, and activities within the State.

Recipients of funds under this section are required to report by September 1, 2024, and by September 1, 2025, to DMH/DD/SUS, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division with (i) an itemized list of expenditures and (ii) the types of opioid remediation programs funded and number of people served, broken down by geographic location.

This section became effective July 1, 2023.

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