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HOUSE BILL 268:

2026 Budget Technical Corrections - II, Sec. 3.19:

Collaboratory Report on Recovery Court Study Results

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-61, Sec. 3.19

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Section 3.19 of S.L. 2026-61 (House Bill 268) directs the North Carolina Collaboratory to expand its study of judicially managed accountability and recovery courts (JMARC) from the 2023 Appropriations Act, Section 8.11 of S.L. 2023-134. Phase I of the study includes programmatic aspects of JMARC. Under Phase II of the study, the Collaboratory will evaluate processes and intended outcomes for each type of JMARC, including adult drug treatment, impaired driving, family treatment, adult mental health, veterans, and juvenile drug treatment. Phase II will include comparisons of outcomes between JMARC participants and appropriate comparison groups, as well as a cost-benefit evaluation of the different types of JMARC. JMARC are authorized to share participant information with the Collaboratory and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington for purposes of this study, but information or data about individual JMARC participants is confidential and not a public record.

The Collaboratory must report on the results of Phase II of the study to various legislative committees no later than March 15, 2028. The report must include at least the following:

- Executive summary of the study and its findings.
- Evaluation of processes and intended outcomes for the different types of JMARC.
- Deidentified and aggregated results of the comparisons of outcomes between JMARC participants and appropriate comparison groups for the different types of JMARC.
- A cost-benefit evaluation of the different types of JMARC.

This section is effective retroactively to October 3, 2023.

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