

~~Medicine, the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, the Cancer Committee of the North Carolina Medical Society, the Old North State Medical Society, the North Carolina Hospital Association, and the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors.~~ The Governor may remove any member of the Committee from office in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 143B-13. Members may succeed themselves for one term and may be appointed again after being off the Committee for one term.

(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor shall make their appointments to the Committee not later than 30 days after the adjournment of the 1993 Regular Session of the General Assembly. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the original appointing authority, using the criteria set out in this section for the original appointment.

(d) To the extent that funds are made available, members of the Committee shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with G.S. 138-5.

(e) A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business.

(f) The Committee may use funds allocated to it to employ an administrative staff person to assist the Committee in carrying out its duties. The Secretary shall provide clerical and other support staff services needed by the Committee."

(b) The following members appointed to the Committee under subsection (a) of this section shall serve initial two-year terms: the member representing the American College of Surgeons; the member representing the Medical Directors of the North Carolina Association of Health Plans; the additional cancer survivor appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and two of the four additional members at large.

Requested by: Senators Warren, Martin of Guilford, Plyler, Perdue, Odom, Cooper, Dannelly, Phillips, Purcell, Representatives Gardner, Cansler, Clary, Howard

HEART DISEASE/STROKE PREVENTION FUNDS

Section 12.49. Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Health, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year shall be used for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) To establish the Be Active North Carolina (BANC) Initiative in the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health as recommended by the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force and proposed in Senate Bill 1309, first edition, 1997 General Assembly, Regular Session 1998.
- (2) To establish a Cardiovascular Health Data Unit (CVD) in the Department of Health and Human Services as recommended by the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force and proposed in Senate Bill 1310, first edition, 1997 General Assembly, Regular Session 1998.

- (3) To establish and implement the North Carolina Strike Out Stroke Project as recommended by the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force and proposed in Senate Bill 1308, first edition, 1997 General Assembly, Regular Session 1998.

Requested by: Senators Martin of Guilford, Cooper, Dannelly, Phillips, Purcell, Perdue, Rand, Representatives Gardner, Cansler, Clary, Howard, Daughtry, Holmes, Esposito
HIV/STD PREVENTION SERVICES/EVALUATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GRANTEES

Section 12.51. (a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Epidemiology, shall continue the practice of contracting with community-based organizations, local health departments, and other entities to provide services to high-risk individuals. Contracts shall require quarterly reports to the Department on the entity's use of funds, number of clients served under the contract, details on program expenditures, and any other information needed by the Department to enable it to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the entity's use of funds and provision of services. Effective January 1, 1999, entities under contract with the Department shall provide to the Department, at least annually, a copy of the entity's financial statement and most recent audit report.

(a1) If the entity with which the Department of Health and Human Services contracts in accordance with subsection (a) of this section is a nonprofit organization, then the entity shall also provide the same quarterly report to the appropriate local health department.

(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt standards for the annual evaluation and certification of entities with which the Department contracts under this section. The evaluation and certification standards shall provide sanctions, including discontinuing of funding, for an entity's failure to comply with DHHS standards and State law. The Department shall adopt the standards not later than April 1, 1999, and the standards shall apply to contracts entered into on and after January 1, 2000.

(c) The Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Human Resources no later than May 1, 1999, on the standards adopted, on entities currently under contract with DHHS, and on those entities' experience in providing effective and efficient services under contract with the Department.

(d) Effective January 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Human Services shall not allocate HIV Prevention Funds to any entity unless the entity has met the certification standards adopted by the Department.

Requested by: Representatives Gardner, Cansler, Clary, Howard, Senators Martin of Guilford, Cooper, Dannelly, Phillips, Purcell

IMPROVE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY