

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1421

Short Title: Funds for PACE Pilot – DHHS.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; Jeffus and Warren.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 13, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
3 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO DEVELOP A
4 PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM FOR ALL-INCLUSIVE
5 CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE) IN THE SOUTHEAST AND WESTERN
6 AREAS OF THE STATE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
9 Medical Assistance, shall develop a pilot program to implement the Program for All-
10 Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). One pilot site shall be planned for the
11 southeastern area of the State and the other pilot site shall be planned for the western
12 area of the State. The Division shall design the pilot program to access federal Medicaid
13 and Medicare dollars to provide acute and long-term care services for older patients
14 through the use of interdisciplinary teams. When implemented, services provided
15 through the PACE pilot program may include physician visits, drugs, rehabilitation
16 services, personal care services, hospitalization, and nursing home care. The PACE
17 pilot program may also offer social services intervention, case management, respite
18 care, or extended home care nursing.

19 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
20 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of
21 one hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars (\$123,156) for the
22 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to support two positions in the
23 Division of Medical Assistance to develop the pilot programs in accordance with
24 Section 1 of this act. These funds may also be used to contract for actuarial analysis as
25 part of the development of the pilot programs.

26 **SECTION 2.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall
27 report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
28 Human Services and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human
29 Services on March 1, 2005, on PACE pilot program development. The report shall

1 include services proposed to be offered under the pilot program, administrative structure
2 of the pilot program, number of Medicare and Medicaid eligible recipients anticipated
3 to receive services from the PACE pilot sites, and the projected savings to the State
4 from PACE pilot program implementation.

5 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004. Nothing in this act
6 obligates the General Assembly to appropriate funds to implement the PACE program
7 statewide.