

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1057

Short Title: Regional EMS Network Pilot Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 31, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
2 SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL NETWORK OF EMS PROVIDERS
3 FOR CERTAIN PILOT COUNTIES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
7 Facility Services, shall develop a regional network of emergency medical services
8 providers to serve initially Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, and
9 Pender counties as pilot counties, with eventual statewide application. The purpose of
10 the network is to enable counties to share resources for providing emergency medical
11 services to county residents such that improvements are made in response time, patient
12 care, cost containment, and utilization of hospital billing systems for efficiency. The
13 Division shall consult with the North Carolina Hospital Association, The Association of
14 County Commissioners, the North Carolina Community College System, the University
15 of North Carolina Health Care System, and emergency medical service providers in
16 developing and implementing the initial program. Not later than March 1, 2006, the
17 Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the House of Representatives
18 Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate
19 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research
20 Division on the development and implementation of the pilot program.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.