

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**SENATE BILL 204\***

Short Title: Local LTC Planning Pilot Project. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Swindell and Purcell.

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Referred to: Health and Human Resources.

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February 26, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT FOR LOCAL LONG-TERM CARE  
2 PLANNING.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** In response to Recommendation #16 in the final report from  
6 the Institute of Medicine Task Force on Long-Term Care and the study report  
7 recommendations resulting from S.L. 2001-491, Part XXII, the Department of Health  
8 and Human Services shall implement a communications and planning initiative to  
9 support local planning for long-term care and shall pilot the establishment of local lead  
10 agencies to facilitate the long-term care planning process at the county or regional level.  
11 For those counties that voluntarily participate, the local long-term care planning  
12 initiative shall aid in the development of core services, coordinate local planning, and  
13 streamline access to services. The initiative shall eliminate fragmentation and barriers to  
14 information and services; provide a seamless connection among State agencies and local  
15 entities, regardless of funding sources; and allow consumers to efficiently and  
16 effectively navigate among long-term care services.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Department shall submit an interim report on the pilot  
18 project for local long-term care planning to the North Carolina Study Commission on  
19 Aging by October 1, 2004, and a final report by October 1, 2005.

20 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Human  
21 Services the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year  
22 and ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to fund the pilot  
23 project established in this act.

24 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.