

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 172*

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

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Earle (Primary Sponsors); Adams, McLawhorn, Nye, Sutton, and Warren.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 3, 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.