

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 797  
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/30/05**

Short Title: Health Care Needs/Hoke and Other Cntys.

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March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES, OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND RURAL  
4 HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, TO EVALUATE THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN  
5 HOKE COUNTY AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE  
6 AREAS OF THE STATE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of  
9 Research, Demonstrations, and Rural Health Development, shall evaluate the health  
10 care needs in Hoke County and other health professional shortage areas of the State  
11 without inpatient services and with a high percentage of uninsured residents. The  
12 Department shall report on its evaluation to the Joint Legislative Health Care Oversight  
13 Committee not later than January 1, 2006, and shall submit a final report not later than  
14 April 1, 2006.

15       **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.