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**HOUSE BILL 172\*  
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Short Title: Local LTC Planning Pilot Project.

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March 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT FOR LONG-TERM CARE  
2 COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATION.  
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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 coordination initiative to  
9 support local coordination of long-term care and shall pilot the establishment of local  
10 lead agencies to facilitate the long-term care coordination process at the county or  
11 regional level. For those counties that voluntarily participate, the local long-term care  
12 coordination initiative shall aid in the development of core services, coordinate local  
13 services, and streamline access to services. The initiative shall eliminate fragmentation  
14 and barriers to information and services; provide a seamless connection among State  
15 agencies and local entities, regardless of funding sources; and allow consumers to  
16 efficiently and 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 coordination to the North Carolina Study Commission  
19 on Aging by October 1, 2004, and a final report by October 1, 2005.

20 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.