GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

Short Title:	Public Health Technical Changes. (Publi	c)			
Sponsors:	Senators Malone, Atwater, Goss, Nesbitt, and Snow.				
Referred to:					
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED				
AN ACT TO ADD PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT					
	LIST OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDE				
	JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AN	ט			
	ER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.				
	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:				
	ECTION 1. G.S. 130A-1.1 reads as rewritten:				
	Mission and essential services.	ic			
(a) The General Assembly recognizes that unified purpose and direction of the public health system is necessary to ensure that all citizens in the State have equal access to essential					
public health services. The General Assembly declares that the mission of the public health					
-	promote and contribute to the highest level of health possible for the people of				
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(4	Promoting healthy lifestyles;				
(5	Promoting a safe and healthful environment;				
(6	Promoting the availability and accessibility of quality health care service	es			
	through the private sector; and				
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	s used in this section, the term "essential public health services" means thou				
	the State shall ensure because they are essential to promoting and contributing				
_	evel of health possible for the citizens of North Carolina. The Departments				
	and Natural Resources and Health and Human Services shall attempt to ensure				
	sources available to them that the following essential public health services a				
	accessible to all citizens of the State, and shall account for the financing of the	se			
services:	Licelth Cupports				
(1)		to			
	a. Assessment of health status, health needs, and environmental risks health;	w			
	b. Patient and community education;				
	c. Public health laboratory;				
	d. Registration of vital events;				
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1		<u>e.</u>	Quality improvement; and
2	(2)	Enviro	onmental Health:
3		a.	Lodging and institutional sanitation;
4		b.	On-site domestic sewage disposal;
5		c.	Water and food safety and sanitation; and
6	(3)	Person	nal Health:
7		a.	Child health;
8		b.	Chronic disease control;
9		c.	Communicable disease control;
10		d.	Dental public health;
11		e.	Family planning;
12		f.	Health promotion and risk reduction;
13		g.	Maternal health.health; and
14	<u>(4)</u>	_	Health Preparedness.
15	The Commiss	ion for	Public Health shall determine specific services to be provided unde

The Commission for Public Health shall determine specific services to be provided under each of the essential public health services categories listed above.

- (c) The General Assembly recognizes that there are health-related services currently provided by State and local government and the private sector that are important to maintaining a healthy social and ecological environment but that are not included on the list of essential public health services required under this section. Omission of these services from the list of essential public health services shall not be construed as an intent to prohibit or decrease their availability. Rather, such omission means only that the omitted services may be more appropriately assured by government agencies or private entities other than the public health system.
- (d) The list of essential public health services required by this section shall not be construed to limit or restrict the powers and duties of the Commission for Public Health or the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources and Health and Human Services as otherwise conferred by State law."

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

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