

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

S

2

**SENATE BILL 696  
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 6/8/11**

Short Title: Address Primary Care Shortage.

(Public)

---

Sponsors:

---

Referred to:

---

April 20, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE PRIMARY CARE  
3 RESIDENCIES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS OF NORTH CAROLINA.  
4

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** The General Administration of The University of North Carolina,  
7 in collaboration with academic medical centers and medical associations throughout the State,  
8 shall study and make recommendations on an appropriate structure and methodology to  
9 increase the number of primary care residencies in underserved areas of North Carolina.

10 **SECTION 1.(b)** The study shall include participation by the  
11 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas HealthCare System; Duke  
12 University and Health System; East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine; University  
13 of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine; Wake Forest University School of  
14 Medicine; the North Carolina Hospital Association; the Old North State Medical Society; and  
15 the North Carolina Medical Society.

16 **SECTION 1.(c)** The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 17 (1) An assessment of the State's health care needs, specifically, but not limited  
18 to, the need for health care providers, on an ongoing basis.
- 19 (2) The development of strategies to increase the overall supply of physicians to  
20 meet current and future unmet health needs of the State's growing  
21 population.
- 22 (3) A recommendation that the allocation of any new funds allocated for new  
23 Graduated Medical Education (GME) positions from the State Legislature  
24 address physician workforce issues facing the State.
- 25 (4) Establishment of priorities for which types of physician specialties are most  
26 needed to meet the health care needs of the State.
- 27 (5) A recommendation to develop and oversee the implementation of pilot  
28 demonstration projects directed at increasing supply of graduate institutions.
- 29 (6) The identification of programs that develop innovative training methods and  
30 strategies.
- 31 (7) The consideration of ways to encourage more physicians to train and to  
32 practice in North Carolina, including underserved areas, by working with the  
33 academic medical centers to develop new training models to expand the  
34 number of physicians training in rural North Carolina.



- 1           (8)    The development of strategies for implementation of policies to help  
2           increase the representation of currently underrepresented minorities in the  
3           medical field.  
4           (9)    The identification of barriers that affect recruitment into GME slots and  
5           retention of physicians following residency and ways to address those  
6           barriers.  
7           (10)   The consideration of the development of scholarships for North Carolina  
8           residents going to North Carolina medical schools who make a commitment  
9           to stay and practice in the State.  
10          (11)   Recommendations for methods to engage academic medical centers and  
11          Area Health Education Center sites with respect to the short- and long-term  
12          expansion capacities of their residency training programs.  
13          (12)   The development of metrics that demonstrate success of these initiatives and  
14          in meeting the goals for the corporation.

15           **SECTION 2.** The General Administration of The University of North Carolina  
16 shall report its findings and any recommended legislation to the Joint Legislative Health Care  
17 Oversight Committee on or before April 1, 2012.

18           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.