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HOUSE BILL 204\*  
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Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 5/15/13

Short Title: Update/Modernize/Midwifery Practice Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 5, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT REQUIRING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON  
2 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY WHETHER CERTIFIED  
3 NURSE-MIDWIVES SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE PRACTICE  
4 OF MIDWIFERY.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** A subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
8 Health and Human Services shall be created to study whether certified nurse-midwives should  
9 be given more flexibility in the practice of midwifery. The Chair of the Joint Legislative  
10 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services shall appoint members of the  
11 subcommittee and may appoint members of the public to the subcommittee in addition to any  
12 members of the General Assembly.

13 **SECTION 2.** In conducting the study, the subcommittee shall consider whether a  
14 certified nurse-midwife should be allowed to practice midwifery in collaboration with, rather  
15 than under the supervision of, a physician licensed to practice medicine under Article 1 of  
16 Chapter 90 of the General Statutes who is actively engaged in the practice of obstetrics.

17 **SECTION 3.** The subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
18 Health and Human Services shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to  
19 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services no later than April 1,  
20 2014. The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services shall submit a  
21 final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2014 Regular Session of the 2014  
22 General Assembly by May 15, 2014, by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of the  
23 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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