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HOUSE BILL 196: 2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief, Sec. 1.6: Allocation of ELC Enhancing Detection Through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Funds

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OVERVIEW: *Section 1.6 of S.L. 2021-3 allocates to the Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Enhancing Detection Through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Funds appropriated under Section 1.1(a) of the act. The funds must be used in accordance with guidance and regulations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Emerging and Infection Disease Program (ELC) Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement. Allocation amounts are provided below.*

- *\$84,000,000 allocated to local health departments based on the percentage of the State population served by each local health department. These funds must supplement and not supplant existing funds.*
- *\$15,000,000 allocated to the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory (Collaboratory) at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill through a grant agreement, subcontract, or other subrecipient agreement that addresses, formally and in writing, the arrangements for the Collaboratory to meet programmatic, administrative, financial, and reporting requirements of the ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement grant, and ensures compliance with all applicable federal regulations and policies. The Collaboratory must develop and manage a plan for an initiative to implement alternative COVID-19 surveillance methods throughout the State utilizing the resources of The University of North Carolina and other partnerships. The plan must include, but is not limited to, wastewater surveillance and genetic sequencing to identify and catalog variant strains for SARS-CoV-2. The Collaboratory and the Division of Public Health must ensure the plan meets specified criteria. The CDC must approve expending ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement grant funds prior to allocation and expenditure of funds to the Collaboratory.*

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