

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1125

Short Title: Substance Use Disorder/Updating Term. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Belk, Cunningham, White, and Hunt (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 31, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE TERM
"DRUG ABUSE" WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO
RECOMMEND A BILL TO REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDER," WHERE APPROPRIATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The General Statutes Commission shall review the term "drug abuse"
wherever it appears in the General Statutes and shall recommend a bill to the 2023 General
Assembly that would replace it with the term "substance use disorder," where appropriate.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
Health and Human Services the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in nonrecurring funds for
the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the creation and dissemination of educational materials for public
health professionals in this State concerning the change in language and the underlying science
supporting the change.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.



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