

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1188

Short Title: Research Studies/Women Participants.

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Sponsors: Representatives Boyd-McIntyre; Adams, Cole, Edwards, Hardaway, Jarrell, Jeffus, Luebke, Melton, Wainwright, and Womble.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITY
3 HOSPITALS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS TO INCLUDE WOMEN AS
4 SUBJECTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS, AS APPROPRIATE.

Whereas, in recent decades a number of large-scale medical research projects have been conducted in this country, including longitudinal studies by NIH, as well as major university hospitals, that included men but not women as subjects, thereby resulting in unanswered questions about women's health; and

Whereas, the results of the research on men have been used regularly and widely as a basis for treatment of women; and

Whereas, women and men possess certain biological and chemical differences that influence the approach to meeting their respective medical needs; and

Whereas, the status of a woman's health not only impacts the quality of her life and that of her family, but also impacts the economy of her community and ultimately the State; Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Every public or private medical center or university hospital in this
7 State that receives State funds and that conducts medical research on human physical or
8 mental health, including diseases affecting humans, shall ensure that any research

1 conducted by the entity on human beings for illnesses, diseases, or other health
2 conditions affecting both men and women, includes a representative sample of adult
3 women as subjects in the testing, studies, and other forms of research conducted. No
4 State funds shall be allocated, encumbered, or expended for medical research to which
5 this act applies and that does not comply with the requirements of this section.

6 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.