

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023

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HOUSE BILL DRH40242-MU-24

Short Title: Substance Use Disorder/Update Language. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Belk.

Referred to:

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE TERM  
3 "DRUG ABUSE" WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO  
4 RECOMMEND A BILL TO REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "SUBSTANCE USE  
5 DISORDER," WHERE APPROPRIATE.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7           **SECTION 1.** The General Statutes Commission shall review the term "drug abuse"  
8 wherever it appears in the General Statutes and shall recommend a bill for the 2024 Regular  
9 Session of the 2023 General Assembly that would replace it with the term "substance use  
10 disorder," where appropriate.  
11           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

