

HB 956 -- Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Sponsor: Cooper (155)

This bill changes the laws regarding public health emergency preparedness. The bill:

(1) Allows the Governor, in a state of emergency, to waive or suspend administrative rules that would hinder or delay the ability of the Department of Health and Senior Services to respond to the emergency;

(2) Specifies that the department can recruit, train, and accept the services of citizen volunteers to dispense medication; and

(3) Requires the department to provide volunteers with access to professional staff for training and oversight, develop written rules, and make sure volunteers understand their responsibilities.