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report to  
Senate

### **Why a School of Public Health (SPH) at ECU?**

- Health problems in NC, particularly, Eastern, NC
- Service & Translational research opportunities
- Federal Affordable Care Act – major provisions regarding Public Health
- Growing State need for expanded PH workforce (50% of current workforce will retire in 5 years)
- MPH since 2003 – 200 graduates ———> 75% working in NC
- Enhanced integration of Population Health into all curricula in the HS Division.
- Fit with HS Division and ECU's mission

### **Requirements for an accredited SPH:**

- Must have same independence and status as other professional schools, cannot be part of a SOM
- Must offer MPH (min of 42 sh.) in 5 areas of PH knowledge and a doctoral degree in at least 3 of these areas:
  - Biostatistics
  - Epidemiology
  - Environmental Health Sciences
  - Health Services Administration
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Adequate resources including critical mass of faculty
- Each student must complete a culminating project
- Must engage in activities that support the professional development of the PH workforce



# TIMELINE FOR ECU SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

