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Dear Dr. Lee Pearson and members of the SHaPE SC Health Subcommittee:

We reached out to the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in response to your request concerning the total number of public health departments which are considered centralized across the nation.

According to ASTHO, there are **14 states that they have listed as currently being considered centralized and/or largely centralized.** This includes South Carolina. Centralized and/or largely centralized refers to local health units that are primarily led by employees of the state.

Attached is a spreadsheet with all states + DC. In addition, highlighted below are the 14 states which are considered to have centralized and/or largely centralized public health departments.

1. Alabama
2. Arkansas
3. District of Columbia
4. Delaware
5. Hawaii
6. Louisiana
7. Mississippi
8. New Hampshire
9. New Mexico
10. Rhode Island
11. South Carolina
12. South Dakota
13. Virginia
14. Vermont