

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 184
HOUSE BILL 495

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE MENTAL HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Mental Health Study Commission established and structured by 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80, 1973 Session Laws Chapter 806, and 1975 Session Laws Chapter 185 is hereby revived and authorized to continue in existence until July 1, 1979.

Sec. 2. The continued Mental Health Study Commission shall have all the powers and duties of the original study commission as they are necessary to continue the original study, assist in the implementation of the original study commission recommendations, and plan further activity on the subject of the study.

Sec. 3. Section 2 of the 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80 is hereby amended:

(1) by deleting the word "eleven" in line 1 of that section and substituting the word "fifteen" therefor; (2) by deleting the word "three" in line 2 of that section and substituting the word "four" therefor; (3) by deleting the word "three" in line 5 of that section and substituting the word "four" therefor; (4) by deleting the phrase "Mental Health Committee" in line 6 of that section and substituting "Human Resources Committee" therefor; (5) by deleting the sentence "The Governor shall appoint five members." in line 7 of that section and substituting the following sentences therefor: "The Governor shall appoint seven members. Two of the seven appointees shall be North Carolina county commissioners taken from a list of four candidates provided by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. If, after the Governor's request for such list, the above-named association fails to provide the list of candidates within a reasonable time, then the Governor shall appoint any two county commissioners to the commission."; and (6) by deleting the phrase "Mental Health Committees" in lines 7 and 8 of that section and substituting the phrase "House Mental Health Committee and the Senate Human Resources Committee" therefor.

Sec. 4. Members of the present Mental Health Study Commission shall remain members of the continued study commission, but they shall serve at the pleasure of the person holding the office authorized to make the original appointment. Members of the General Assembly who are not reelected shall not be disqualified from membership on the continued study commission because they are no longer members of the General Assembly, but the person holding the office authorized to make the original appointment may replace them with new appointees.

Sec. 5. Members and staff of the continued Mental Health Study Commission shall receive the same compensation and expenses as under the original authorization in the 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80, and the Department of Human Resources is hereby authorized to reallocate fiscal resources under Budget Code 24081-1301 as the funding source for the Mental Health Study Commission.

Sec. 6. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of April, 1977.