

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 332
HOUSE BILL 685

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 148-19 TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INMATES IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 148-19 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection at the end of that section to be designated as subsection (d) and to read as follows:

"(d) The Commission for Mental Health Services shall prescribe standards for the delivery of mental health services to inmates in the custody of the Department of Correction. The Commission for Mental Health Services shall give the Secretary of Correction an opportunity to review and comment on proposed standards prior to promulgation of such standards; however, final authority to determine such standards remains with the commission. The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall designate an agency or agencies within the Department of Human Resources to monitor the implementation of such standards by the Department of Correction. The Secretary of Human Resources shall send a written report on the progress which the Department of Correction has made on the implementation of such standards to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House. Such reports shall be made on an annual basis beginning January 1, 1978."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of May, 1977.