

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 1007
HOUSE BILL 157

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING AREA PROGRAMS IN PROVIDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES TO CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL PERSONS.

Whereas, chronically mentally ill persons do not need to be housed in expensive State institutions in order to treat or control their illness; and

Whereas, maintaining chronically mentally ill persons in community programs involves sociological and economic as well as medical problems; and

Whereas, the provision of community support services to include pre-vocational, vocational, social and daily living training is an integral part of supporting the chronically mentally ill in their home communities; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for fiscal year 1981-1982 to the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Human Resources to assist area programs in providing community support day programs for the chronically mentally ill.

Sec. 2. The funds appropriated shall be expended to support or expand current programs (Mountainhouse-Blue Ridge Mental Health; Sunshine House-New River Mental Health; Piedmont Pioneer House-Gaston/Lincoln; and, to develop new programs in communities where an investment of program and volunteer efforts will be made. Support for each current program shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Support for each new program shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Funds shall be granted to the programs on the basis of applications which include a demonstration of local investment, need, and readiness to provide services.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of October, 1981.