

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 885
HOUSE BILL 1329

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE RATE OF SUPPORT IN SPECIALIZED
COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CENTERS SERVING MENTALLY RETARDED
CHILDREN.

Whereas, G.S. 122-71.5 authorizes the General Assembly to appropriate from the General Fund sums sufficient to support specialized community residential centers serving mentally retarded children; and

Whereas, in its session in 1979 the General Assembly increased the rate of support per child to six hundred seventy- five dollars (\$675.00) per month; and

Whereas, the rate of support per child was administratively increased on July 1, 1981, to nine hundred thirteen dollars (\$913.00) per month by virtue of two participating centers realizing Title XIX reimbursements; and

Whereas, in October 1981 the rate of support per child was increased to one thousand dollars (\$1000) per month through utilization of one hundred eight thousand five hundred seventy- six dollars (\$108,576) per year of the appropriation commonly referred to as the "Fenner Bill"; and

Whereas, the support per child referenced above is substantially less than the present cost of care in specialized community residential centers; and

Whereas, without additional support, staffs will have to be reduced and the quality and quantity of programs provided by the centers will have to be compromised; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources for fiscal year 1983-84 the sum of one hundred sixty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$160,800) to increase the per child per month rate of support to one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) for specialized community residential centers serving mentally retarded children.

Sec. 2. This act is effective July 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 20th day of July, 1983.