

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 340

Short Title: Area Board Composition.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Judy Hunt.

Referred to: Human Resources.

February 23, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF AREA MENTAL HEALTH,
MENTAL RETARDATION, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES BOARDS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING CONSUMER AND FAMILY
PARTICIPATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122C-118(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) The area board shall include:

- (1) At least one county commissioner from each county in the area except that in a single-county area authority the board of commissioners may instead appoint any resident of the county;
- (2) ~~At least two physicians~~ one physician licensed ~~under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to practice medicine~~ in North Carolina;
- (3) At least one professional representative from the fields either of psychology, social work, nursing, or religion;
- (4) At least one individual ~~each each~~, either a primary consumer or an individual from a citizens' organization, representing the interests of ~~or from citizens' organizations representing the interests of~~ individuals with:
 - a. Mental illness;
 - b. Mental retardation; and
 - e. ~~Alcoholism; and~~
 - d. ~~Drug abuse;~~
 - c. Substance abuse.

- 1 (5) ~~At least one representative from local hospitals or~~ ~~area~~
2 ~~planning organizations; and~~ family consumer each representing the
3 interest of individuals with:
4 a. Mental illness;
5 b. Mental retardation; and
6 c. Substance abuse.
7 (6) At least one attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina."
8 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989, provided however,
9 appointments of board members in newly designated categories shall be made as
10 vacancies normally occur.