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Short Title: MHSC/MH/DD/SA Services Funds.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH STUDY**
3 **COMMISSION AND COALITION '91 PLANS FOR MENTAL HEALTH,**
4 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN**
5 **NORTH CAROLINA.**

6 Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 North Carolinians directly
7 disabled by alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, and developmental disabilities; and

8 Whereas, the current lack of treatment programs is costing North Carolina
9 hundreds of millions of dollars in lost productivity in the workplace, increased crime
10 and criminal justice expenses, increased welfare payments, and long-term remedial care;
11 and

12 Whereas, the Mental Health Study Commission has completed a five-year
13 planning process to develop strategies to meet the needs of these citizens, many of
14 whom are not receiving critical services; and

15 Whereas, this planing process has been a partnership involving legislators,
16 professionals, State and county officials, business leaders, advocates, consumers, and
17 hundreds of citizens throughout the State; and

18 Whereas, over the past year, 34 organizations have joined in an effort labeled
19 Coalition '91 to promote full implementation of these plans and initiatives; and

20 Whereas, the result of the Mental Health Study Commission work is a
21 blueprint of long-range plans that document and quantify total service needs and set

1 forth comprehensive strategies for required services reflecting the unmet need and the
2 corresponding cost in each disability area. The total 10-year cost to implement the
3 plans will require over six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) in State, federal, and
4 local money; Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
7 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
8 of Human Resources the sum of \$5,435,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
9 \$5,765,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
10 based, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-
11 Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989
12 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of
13 the General Assembly.

14 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
15 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
16 of Human Resources, the sum of \$787,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
17 \$1,100,000 for start-up and operational funds for adult residential programs including
18 HUD projects in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan for Adults with
19 Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989 Report of the Mental Health
20 Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of the General Assembly.

21 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
22 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
23 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,135,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
24 \$1,635,000 for the expansion of psychiatric rehabilitation services to long-term mentally
25 ill patients and the addition of 33 health care technicians at John Umstead Hospital to
26 ensure patient and staff safety in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan
27 for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989 Report of the
28 Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of the General
29 Assembly.

30 Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
31 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
32 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
33 \$2,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to make available the antipsychotic drug
34 Clozapine needed for the treatment of schizophrenia to those persons who are unable to
35 pay as determined by rules adopted by the Department of Human Resources.

36 Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
37 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
38 of Human Resources, the sum of \$4,961,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
39 \$5,159,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
40 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services to children and adolescents with serious
41 emotional disturbances in accordance with the Child Mental Health Plan presented in
42 the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1987
43 Session of the General Assembly.

1 Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
2 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
3 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,220,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
4 \$1,220,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement a youth sex offender rehabilitation
5 program as a cooperative effort of Division of Mental Health, Developmental
6 Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and Division of Youth Services including 10
7 new outpatient sites in area programs and expansion of existing sites.

8 Sec. 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
9 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
10 of Human Resources, the sum of \$121,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
11 \$121,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to create three new teacher/liaison positions at
12 Wright and Whitaker Reeducation Schools.

13 Sec. 8. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
14 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
15 of Human Resources, the sum of \$4,553,952 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
16 \$5,471,643 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
17 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the adult portion of
18 the Developmental Disabilities Services Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the
19 Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1987 Session of the General
20 Assembly.

21 Sec. 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
22 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
23 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,222,316 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
24 \$3,209,264 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to provide start-up and operational funds for 27
25 HUD group homes (1991-93) and start-up for 20 new projects in 1992-93.

26 Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
27 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
28 of Human Resources, the sum of \$506,590 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
29 \$506,590 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to restore intended one-time cut for operational
30 HUD group homes.

31 Sec. 11. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
32 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
33 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,550,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
34 \$1,950,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
35 based, day/night and 24-hour services to children with developmental disabilities in
36 accordance with the child portion of the Developmental Disabilities Services Plan
37 presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by
38 the 1987 Session of the General Assembly.

39 Sec. 12. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
40 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
41 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,040,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
42 \$3,454,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the provision of early intervention services
43 required by Public Law 99-457.

1 Sec. 13. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Environment, Health and Natural Resources the sum of \$3,093,000 for the 1991-92
3 fiscal year and the sum of \$3,093,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the provision of
4 early intervention services required by Public Law 99-457.

5 Sec. 14. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
6 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
7 of Human Resources, the sum of \$14,970,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
8 \$16,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the development of community-based
9 periodic, day/night and 24-hour services including regional residential programs in
10 accordance with the Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Plan presented in the 1991
11 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission.

12 Sec. 15. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
13 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
14 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,030,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
15 \$2,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
16 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the Youth Substance
17 Abuse Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and
18 approved by the 1987 Session of the General Assembly.

19 Sec. 16. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$5,000,000
20 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$5,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to the
21 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services,
22 Department of Human Resources, to promote equalization of funds for area mental
23 health, developmental disability and substance abuse authorities.

24 Sec. 17. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Human Resources, the sum of \$700,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
26 \$700,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continuation of four diagnostic centers for
27 children and adults who are developmentally disabled and require assistive technology
28 to communicate.

29 Sec. 18. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
30 Maternal and Child Health in the Department of Environment, Health and Natural
31 Resources the sum of \$800,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$800,000 for
32 the 1992-93 fiscal year to provide matching funds for capital expansion for three United
33 Cerebral Palsy Therapeutic Preschools in Wilmington, Greenville, and Charlotte and to
34 continue current operations in U.C.P. Centers.

35 Sec. 19. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
36 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
37 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,367,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
38 \$1,315,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to complete conversion of 24 area programs to
39 the Pioneer Funding System.

40 Sec. 20. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended in accordance with
41 the Pioneer Funding System for those area programs operating under Pioneer
42 requirements.

43 Sec. 21. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.