

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1215\***

Short Title: MHSC/MH/DD/SA Improvement Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives H. Hunter; Esposito, and Gardner.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 28, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT FOR  
4 MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE  
5 ABUSE SERVICES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

6       Whereas, the Mental Health Study Commission has endorsed the Quality  
7 Improvement Report for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance  
8 Abuse Services; and

9       Whereas, the Quality Improvement Report recommends the development of,  
10 and transition to, a Quality Improvement System for the Division of Mental Health,  
11 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services in North Carolina; and

12       Whereas, the report reflects the philosophy and implementation of the trend  
13 throughout business and industry to focus on involving everyone in the organization in  
14 continuously improving how work is performed in order to meet customer expectations  
15 of the quality of services received; and

16       Whereas, every citizen in North Carolina has the right to expect the provision  
17 of services of the highest quality and effectiveness, responsive to needs and  
18 expectations; and

19       Whereas, the focus of the Quality Improvement Initiative is on the continuous  
20 improvement of the functions and processes of service delivery rather than the details  
21 and paperwork that currently dominate the provision of Mental Health, Developmental  
22 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services; and

23       Whereas, the implementation of the Quality Improvement Initiative will be  
24 guided by the principles of service accessibility, early intervention and family-centered  
25 responsiveness, services driven by consumer needs, the empowerment of consumers  
26 through expanded choices, the empowerment of providers to remove barriers to quality,  
27 and simplicity; Now, therefore,

28 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1           Section 1. 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 two hundred forty-eight thousand two hundred fifty-  
4 five dollars (\$248,255) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred eleven  
5 thousand three hundred eighty-four dollars (\$511,384) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for  
6 the development and implementation of the Quality Improvement Initiative.

7           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.