

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 207

Short Title: GPAC/CON Bed Need Formula Change.

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Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford; and Blackmon.

Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO CHANGE THE CURRENT
CERTIFICATE OF NEED BED NEED FORMULA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the Certificate of Need process has not been effective in controlling the development and expansion of hospital beds and that its current methodology for projecting need for additional long-term care facilities beds can be improved.

Sec. 2. Effective July 1, 1994, the Division of Facility Services, Department of Human Resources, shall implement a changed Certificate of Need bed need formula. This changed formula shall be developed by expanding the size of the current health planning areas to include larger geographic regions and by expanding beyond the need to rely solely on current rates of institutionalization, in order to take cognizance of people who have been identified as actually needing services or who should be directed away from intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICFs/MR) care to home- and community-based services, thus providing a more actual projection of bed need.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.