

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1764

Short Title: Coalition 2001 Critical Needs Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko; Adams, Alexander, Blue, Cansler, Esposito, Goodwin, Hackney, Luebke, Miller, Russell, Sherrill, Sossamon, Wainwright, and Weiss.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MEET CRITICAL NEEDS FOR MENTAL
2 HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
3 SERVICES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Health and Human Services the sum of twelve million six hundred sixty-nine thousand
8 two hundred fifty dollars (\$12,669,250) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. These funds shall
9 be used as follows:

- 10 (1) \$5,360,000 for crisis detoxification services;
11 (2) \$301,000 to match federal funds for mental health residential services
12 for adults;
13 (3) \$150,000 to provide training to members of Mental Health,
14 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services Area
15 Authority Boards;
16 (4) \$30,000 to provide interpreter services for mentally ill deaf persons in
17 accordance with the 1992 settlement agreement between the State and
18 the North Carolina Association for the Deaf;

- 1 (5) \$1,500,000 to establish a cross-disability ombudsman program. These
2 funds shall be allocated to regional councils of governments for these
3 purposes; and
4 (6) \$5,328,250 for the following programs and services:
5 a. \$500,000 for Family Support Project.
6 b. \$214,000 for Life Guardianship Program.
7 c. \$364,250 for Supported Employment.
8 d. \$250,000 for Durable Medical Equipment Program.
9 e. \$4,000,000 for services to children with autism.

10 Section 2. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide
11 residential treatment services for mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance
12 abuse, including necessary assessments, to Medicaid-eligible children as determined
13 necessary by the child's plan of care.

14 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.