

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 697

Short Title: Area Authority Merger.

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Sponsors: Representatives Dedmon; Barefoot, Bridgeman, Clary, Horn, Rayfield, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Health.

March 30, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN AREA MENTAL HEALTH,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AUTHORITIES
TO MERGE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. An area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services authority comprised of two counties, both of which border a county that has a population of five hundred thousand or more according to the most recent decennial federal census, may merge with an area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services authority serving a single county that borders both of them. The merger shall be subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners of each county involved in the merger. The merger approved by the boards of county commissioners shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.