

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1645\***

Short Title: Funds for Mental Health Services. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Glazier (Primary Sponsors); Ross, G. Wilson, Alexander, Luebke, Warner, Weiss, and Womble.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 25, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TRUST FUND FOR MENTAL  
3 HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
4 SERVICES AND BRIDGE FUNDING NEEDS FOR ONETIME EXPENDITURES  
5 BY AREA AND COUNTY PROGRAMS TO BUILD COMMUNITY CAPACITY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Trust  
8 Fund for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and  
9 Bridge Funding Needs the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the 2004-2005  
10 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated by the Division of Mental Health,  
11 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to area and county programs  
12 to provide bridge funding to maintain appropriate services to clients during the mental  
13 health reform process to address onetime needs of area and county programs related to  
14 system reform and program consolidation, and to support mental health reform through  
15 increasing access to appropriate prevention and treatment services in the community.  
16 These services may include, but are not limited to: crisis services, intensive outpatient  
17 services, supported employment, supported housing, case management, and community  
18 support. Priority shall be given to building community crisis services capacity for  
19 children and adults and to services that address the mental health and substance abuse  
20 needs of children and adolescents.

21       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.