

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1290*

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

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Dannelly, Hargett, Purcell, and Queen.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 24, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TRUST FUND FOR MENTAL
2 HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
3 SERVICES AND BRIDGE FUNDING NEEDS FOR ONETIME EXPENDITURES
4 BY AREA AND COUNTY PROGRAMS TO BUILD COMMUNITY CAPACITY.
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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 and to support mental health reform through increasing access to
14 appropriate prevention and treatment services in the community. These services may
15 include, but are not limited to: crisis services, intensive outpatient services, supported
16 employment, supported housing, case management, and community support.

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