

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**SENATE BILL 1291\***

Short Title: Funds to Equalize State Funding/MH Programs. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Dannelly, Hargett, Holloman, Kinnaird, Purcell, Rand,  
and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 24, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
2 HUMAN SERVICES FOR EQUALIZING STATE FUNDING AMONG AREA  
3 AND COUNTY PROGRAMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
6 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental  
7 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of ten million dollars  
8 (\$10,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated by the  
9 Division for the purpose of equalizing State funding among the area and county mental  
10 health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services programs.

11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.  
12