

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 697*

Short Title: Funds for MH Residential Services. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Dalton, Dorsett, Hartsell, Holloman, Snow, and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
3 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
4 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL
5 SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY COALITION 2001.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
9 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of nineteen million dollars
10 (\$19,000,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of nineteen million dollars
11 (\$19,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

12 (1) \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year to support a range of group and
13 supportive living programs at the community level for persons affected
14 by mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse
15 problems.

16 (2) \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year to expand the innovative pilot program
17 for special assistance and for additional rental assistance funding for
18 individuals not eligible to receive special assistance.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.