GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 699*

Short Title:	Funds for MH/DD/SA Specialty Services.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Nesbitt; Atwater, Dalton, Hartsell, and Thomas.	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget.	

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of five million five hundred thousand dollars ($5,500,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of five million five hundred thousand dollars ($5,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) $2,500,000 in each fiscal year to provide crucial community services to residents of North Carolina who experience mental illness and are also deaf. Funds will also be used for continued compliance with the 504B Settlement Agreement between the State and the NC Association for the Deaf.

(2) $1,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Developmental Disabilities Training Institute to continue core training for staff on DD Best Practice and to provide stipends to allow staff to attend the training more easily.

(3) $2,000,000 in each fiscal year to assist First in Families, a support program for families with people with developmental disabilities.

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