

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE DRH30373-LN-261 (4/5)**

Short Title: Funds for Respite Services. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Barnhart, England, Insko, and Earle (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR RESPITE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND MENTALLY ILL TARGET POPULATIONS.

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 dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to provide respite services for individuals in the developmental disability and mental illness target populations. Of these funds, the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in each fiscal year shall be allocated for developmental disability respite services and the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in each fiscal year shall be allocated for mental illness respite services. Funds shall be allocated on a per capita basis to each local management entity. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated for direct services.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.