

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1428  
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 4/26/07**

Short Title: Increase LME Control/State Psych. Hosp. Use.

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Referred to:

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March 26, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR INCREASING LOCAL  
4 MANAGEMENT ENTITIES' CONTROL OVER STATE PSYCHIATRIC  
5 HOSPITAL UTILIZATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
8 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall  
9 develop a plan for increasing local management entities' (LME) responsibility and  
10 accountability for State psychiatric hospital utilization. The plan shall include all of the  
11 following:

- 12 (1) LME purchase of bed days from State psychiatric hospitals.  
13 (2) LME monitoring of patient progress while in State psychiatric  
14 hospitals.  
15 (3) Direct LME involvement in the development and implementation of  
16 discharge plans for patients in State psychiatric hospitals.  
17 (4) A recommendation regarding sufficient LME funding to implement  
18 the plan.

19 The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint  
20 Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
21 Substance Abuse Services not later than March 1, 2008.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.