

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 164\*  
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 3/7/07**

Short Title: Study Housing/Training Mentally Ill in ACH.

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Sponsors:

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Referred to:

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February 14, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO STUDY RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING HOUSING  
4 INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE SAME FACILITY VICINITY  
5 AS INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT MENTAL ILLNESS, AND TO RECOMMEND  
6 STAFF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS IN  
7 ADULT CARE HOMES TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CARE TO RESIDENTS  
8 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH  
9 CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
12 Facility Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, and Division of Mental Health,  
13 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall study rules and  
14 regulations in North Carolina and other states regarding the provision of appropriate  
15 care and housing of individuals with mental illness in the same facility vicinity with  
16 individuals without mental illness and shall make recommendations relating to the  
17 housing of these individuals.

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division  
19 of Facility Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, and Division of Mental  
20 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall study the need  
21 for training direct care workers in adult care homes to provide appropriate care to  
22 facility residents with mental illness and facility residents without mental illness and  
23 shall make recommendations for appropriate training of these workers. The study shall  
24 address the fiscal impact that the implementation of training requirements would have  
25 on these facilities and the amount of funding needed to support a successful training  
26 model.

27 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
28 present its findings and recommendations in response to the studies authorized in  
29 subsections (a) and (b) of this section, along with any required statutory or rule changes,

1 to the Study Commission on Aging and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
2 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on or before  
3 March 1, 2008.

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