

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 51*

Short Title: Funds for Housing Options for Mentally Ill. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Dorsett, Dannelly, Allran, Bingham, Malone; Albertson, Atwater, Clodfelter, Foriest, Forrester, Goss, Hagan, Hoyle, Jenkins, Kerr, Kinnaird, Nesbitt, Purcell, Rand, Shaw, Snow, Stevens, and Swindell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF
2 HOUSING OPTIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES, AS
3 RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON
4 AGING.
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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 the sum of one million five hundred six
9 thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,506,600) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and three
10 million thirteen thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,013,200) for the 2008-2009 fiscal
11 year. The funds shall be used to increase the availability of housing options for North
12 Carolinians with disabilities through the provision of rental assistance for both North
13 Carolina Housing Finance Agency financed apartments and other publicly subsidized
14 apartments, with priority given to those individuals who are transitioning out of State
15 psychiatric hospitals and those individuals who are transitioning out of long-term care
16 facilities.

17 The Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina
18 Housing Finance Agency shall collaborate to determine the most efficient and effective
19 use of the appropriated funds and shall submit an interim report on the status of this
20 funding to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging on or before September 1,
21 2008, and a final report on or before September 1, 2009.

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