

March 4, 2009

S 408. RECOMMENDED APPROP. MH/DD/SA OVERSIGHT COMM. Filed 3/4/09. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES SYSTEM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.*

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2009-10 and \$500,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (MHDDSAS), to be allocated to local management entities (LMEs) for LME staff participation in the Mental Health Leadership Academy at the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Appropriates \$2 million for 2009-10 and \$2 million in recurring funds for 2010-11 from the General Fund to MHDDSAS for the North Carolina Child Treatment Program (NCCTP). Provides that NCCTP use these funds to provide (1) training and ongoing support to clinicians who provide treatment under the program and (2) evidence-based mental health treatment to children and adolescents residing in the state, who have experienced serious psychological trauma, and their families.

Appropriates \$3,333,333 for 2009-10 and \$3,333,333 in recurring funds for 2010-11 from the General Fund to DHHS, Division of Medical Assistance, to be used to fully fund implementation of Tier 1 of the Community Alternatives Program for Persons with Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (CAP/MR-DD Program).

Appropriates \$10 million for 2009-10 from the General Fund to the Housing Trust Fund for the Housing Initiative in order to reduce the need for state psychiatric hospitals in the long term.

Appropriates \$2.5 million for 2009-10 and \$2.5 million for 2010-11 from the General Fund to MHDDSAS to continue operating support for an estimated 500 units of the Housing Initiative.

Requires MHDDSAS to allocate between \$8 million and \$10 million for 2009-10 to support regionally hosted substance abuse services from the funds appropriated in 2009-10 for substance abuse services. These funds must be used to continue or expand Cross Area Service Programs (CASP) and other substance abuse treatment and prevention initiatives.

Appropriates \$100,247 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to DHHS to supplement a federally supported grant for the transition of consumers out of nursing facilities, state psychiatric hospitals, and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) to more appropriate levels of care.

Appropriates \$10 million for 2009-10 from the General Fund to MHDDSAS to be used to implement one or more of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) Substance Abuse Task Force's priority recommendations. Lists the task force's specific recommendations.

Appropriates \$2,286,400 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to DHHS for the development of a pilot program, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to test a new process for tracking and providing services to persons in state psychiatric hospitals for whom an outpatient commitment order has been issued. Includes specific criteria for the pilot program. Provides that, except for the 180 day extended outpatient commitment time, if a conflict arises between this subsection and Part 7 of Article 5 of GS Chapter 122C pertaining to outpatient commitments, Part 7 of Article 5 prevails.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2009-10 and \$50,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to MHDDSAS to be used to establish a workforce development specialist position in the Division.

Appropriates \$24,324,432 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to MHDDSAS to be allocated as follows: (1) \$8,227,932 to fully fund local crisis initiatives that were partially funded in 2008-09 and (2) \$16,096,500 to purchase 150 additional local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days to be distributed across the state according to need as determined by DHHS. Provides that DHHS must enter into contracts with LMEs and community hospitals for the management of beds or bed days. Requires that local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days are managed and controlled by the LME, including determination of which local or state hospital the individual should be admitted to pursuant to an involuntary commitment order. Prohibits funds from being allocated directly to LMEs. Provides for payment and billing of services by LMEs, as well as oversight of LMEs by DHHS. Provides that the appropriated funds be used to purchase additional beds or bed days not currently funded by or through LMEs. Prohibits funds from being used to supplant other funds

available or otherwise appropriated for the purchase of psychiatric inpatient services under contract with community hospitals, including beds or bed days being purchased through Hospital Pilot funds appropriated in SL 2007-323. Requires that DHHS report, by March 1, 2010, to specified legislative committees and the Fiscal Research Division on a uniform system for beds or bed days purchased (1) with local funds, (2) from existing state appropriations, (3) under the Hospital Utilization Pilot, and (4) purchased using these appropriated funds.

Appropriates \$1.8 million for 2009-10 and \$300,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to MHDDSAS to be used to develop a behaviorally advanced residential treatment (BART) step-down unit operated by the Murdoch Center, including funds for private provider training and technical assistance to facilitate replication through the state.

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2009-10 and \$500,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to MHDDSAS to be used to increase staff and raise salary ranges for the Division and state psychiatric hospital personnel.

Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Nesbitt.

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