

1 **SECTION 1.** The Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
2 Substance Abuse Services shall amend the rules adopted pursuant to G.S. 143b-147(a)(1)a. to
3 designate an additional region in south central North Carolina for the admission, treatment, and
4 professional care of individuals residing in that area with a primary diagnosis of mental illness,
5 intellectual or developmental disability, or substance abuse disorder. This newly designated
6 south central region shall be comprised of at least all of the following counties: Anson,
7 Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph,
8 Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, and Union.

9 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
10 Health and Human Services the sum of twenty-three million nine hundred ninety-six thousand
11 nine hundred six dollars (\$23,996,906) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. These funds shall be
12 used for planning, site development, and construction of a new 200-bed State psychiatric
13 hospital to provide acute psychiatric treatment services to individuals residing within the new
14 region designated in accordance with Section 1 of this act. The location of the new State
15 psychiatric hospital shall be one that maximizes access by individuals residing within the
16 region and efficiencies in service and administration. Once a site is chosen for the new State
17 psychiatric hospital, the Department shall report the location to the Joint Legislative
18 Commission on Governmental Operations, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health
19 and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
20 and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
21 Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

22 **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
23 Health and Human Services the sum of ninety-five million nine hundred eighty-seven thousand
24 six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$95,987,625) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. These funds shall
25 be used for construction of the new 200-bed State psychiatric hospital described in Section 2(a)
26 of this act.

27 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2013. The remainder
28 of this act is effective when it becomes law.