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HOUSE BILL 1177*

Short Title: MHSC/MH/DD/SA Services Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives H. Hunter; and Bowman.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MENTAL
2 HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION AND COALITION 2001 PLANS FOR
3 MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE
4 ABUSE SERVICES IN NORTH CAROLINA.
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6 Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 North Carolinians directly
7 disabled by alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, and developmental disabilities; and

8 Whereas, the current lack of treatment programs is costing North Carolina
9 hundreds of millions of dollars in lost productivity in the work place, increased crime
10 and criminal justice expenses, increased welfare payments, and long-term remedial care;
11 and

12 Whereas, the Mental Health Study Commission has completed a planning
13 process to develop strategies to meet the needs of these citizens, many of whom are not
14 receiving critical services; and

15 Whereas, this planning process has been a partnership involving legislators,
16 professionals, State and county officials, business leaders, advocates, consumers, and
17 hundreds of citizens throughout the State; and

18 Whereas, Coalition 2001, a group representing 50 organizations, has been
19 formed to promote full implementation of these plans and initiatives; and

20 Whereas, the result of the Mental Health Study Commission work is a
21 blueprint of long-range plans that document total service needs and set forth
22 comprehensive strategies for required services reflecting the unmet needs and the
23 corresponding cost in each disability area; and

1 Whereas, the members of the General Assembly have committed support for
2 this project through incremental funding over the past two sessions; Now, therefore,
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. **Mental Illness.** (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
5 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
6 Department of Human Resources, the sum of six million sixty thousand dollars
7 (\$6,060,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of nine million one hundred fifty
8 thousand dollars (\$9,150,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development
9 of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the
10 Comprehensive Long-Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness
11 presented in the 1989 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission.

12 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
13 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
14 Human Resources, the sum of six million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$6,700,000)
15 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the
16 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development of community-based, periodic,
17 day/night and 24-hour services for children and adolescents in accordance with the
18 Child Mental Health Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study
19 Commission.

20 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
21 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
22 Human Resources, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1993-
23 94 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 1994-95
24 fiscal year for housing services for persons with mental illness in accordance with the
25 Comprehensive Long-Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness.

26 (d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
27 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
28 Human Resources, the sum of two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) for the
29 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for
30 the 1994-95 fiscal year for mental health services for persons who are deaf and mentally
31 ill.

32 Sec. 2. **Substance Abuse.** (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
33 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
34 Department of Human Resources, the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars
35 (\$2,500,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of three million eight hundred
36 thousand dollars (\$3,800,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development
37 of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the
38 Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Plan presented in the 1991 Report of the Mental
39 Health Study Commission.

40 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
41 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
42 Human Resources, the sum of six million six hundred thousand dollars (\$6,600,000) for
43 the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1994-95
44 fiscal year for the continued development of community-based, periodic, day/night and

1 24-hour services for children and adolescents in accordance with the Child and
2 Adolescent Substance Abuse Plan presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental Health
3 Study Commission.

4 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
5 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
6 Human Resources, the sum of two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000)
7 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the
8 1994-95 fiscal year to be targeted for public/private recovery services for substance
9 abusers.

10 (d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
11 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
12 Human Resources, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal
13 year and the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 1994-
14 95 fiscal year to be targeted for pregnant women served in the Women's Perinatal
15 Programs established in the 1992-93 fiscal year.

16 (e) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
17 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
18 Human Resources, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal
19 year and the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 1994-
20 95 fiscal year to be targeted for substance abuse services for persons involved in the
21 criminal justice system.

22 (f) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
23 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
24 Human Resources, the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal
25 year to support development and operation of a Consortium to Develop Quality
26 Improvement Criteria and Standards of Care for Substance Abuse Programs.

27 **Sec. 3. Developmental Disabilities.** (a) There is appropriated from the General
28 Fund to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
29 Abuse Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of six million nine hundred
30 thousand dollars (\$6,900,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of ten million
31 eight hundred thousand dollars (\$10,800,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the
32 continued development of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services
33 for adults with developmental disabilities in accordance with the Long-Range Plan for
34 Persons with Developmental Disabilities presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental
35 Health Study Commission.

36 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
37 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
38 Human Resources, the sum of three million seven hundred thousand dollars
39 (\$3,700,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of five million six hundred
40 thousand dollars (\$5,600,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development
41 of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services for children with
42 developmental disabilities in accordance with the Long-Range Plan for Persons with
43 Developmental Disabilities presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental Health Study
44 Commission.

1 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Maternal and
2 Child Health, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the sum of
3 one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and
4 the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal
5 year to provide services for clients served by United Cerebral Palsy Centers.

6 (d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
7 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
8 Human Resources, the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000)
9 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the
10 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development of community-based, periodic,
11 day/night and 24-hour services for housing for persons with developmental disabilities
12 in accordance with the Long-Range Plan for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
13 presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission.

14 Sec. 4. The funds appropriated in Sections 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), 2(b), 3(a), and
15 3(b) of this act shall initially be allocated on a per capita basis to the area mental health,
16 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services authorities in accordance with
17 the Catch-Up Funding Proposal endorsed by the Mental Health Study Commission in
18 January 1993.

19 Sec. 5. The Secretary of Human Resources shall ensure that copies of all
20 Mental Health Study Commission plans referred to in this act are available as follows:

- 21 (1) On file in the State Library;
- 22 (2) Distributed to all area mental health, developmental disabilities, and
23 substance abuse authorities; and
- 24 (3) On file in the Department and made available, upon request, to other
25 affected agencies and individuals.

26 Sec. 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.