

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 305\***

Short Title: Mental Health Study Commission Cont'd.

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Sponsors: Representatives Lutz; Diamont, Easterling, Esposito, Fitch, Holt, H. Hunter, Luebke, McLaughlin, Nesbitt, Nye, and Redwine.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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February 25, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
2 STUDY COMMISSION FURTHER CONTINUING THE MENTAL HEALTH  
3 STUDY COMMISSION.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The Mental Health Study Commission, established and structured  
7 by 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80; Chapter 806, 1973 Session Laws; Chapter  
8 185, 1975 Session Laws; Chapter 184, 1977 Session Laws; Chapter 215, 1979 Session  
9 Laws; 1979 General Assembly Resolution 20; Chapter 49, 1981 Session Laws; Chapter  
10 268, 1983 Session Laws; Chapter 792, 1985 Session Laws; Chapter 873, 1987 Session  
11 Laws; Chapter 802, 1989 Session Laws; and Chapter 754, 1991 Session Laws, is  
12 revived and authorized to continue in existence until July 1, 1995.

13 Sec. 2. The continued Mental Health Study Commission shall have all the  
14 powers and duties of the original Study Commission as they are necessary to continue  
15 the original study, to assist in the implementation of the original and succeeding Study  
16 Commission recommendations and to plan further activity on the subject of the study.

17 Sec. 3. Members and staff of the continued Mental Health Study  
18 Commission shall receive compensation and expenses delineated by the original  
19 authorization in the 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80. Expenses of the  
20 Commission shall be expended by the Department of Human Resources from Budget  
21 Code 14460 subhead 1110.

22 Sec. 4. In addition to other studies authorized by law, the Mental Health  
23 Study Commission shall:

- 1           (1)   Exercise oversight of, and make recommendations regarding, the  
2           implementation of the Adult Substance Abuse Plan, the  
3           Comprehensive Long Range Plan for Adults with Severe and  
4           Persistent Mental Illness, the Child Mental Health Plan, the Child and  
5           Adolescent Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Plan, and the  
6           Developmental Disabilities Services Plan;  
7           (2)   Exercise oversight of, and make recommendations regarding,  
8           implementation of the Quality Improvement Initiative endorsed by the  
9           Mental Health Study Commission;  
10          (3)   Monitor implementation of Commission recommendations to improve  
11          mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services  
12          to criminal justice offenders;  
13          (4)   Exercise oversight of, and make recommendations regarding, the  
14          implementation of the Pioneer Funding System and the funding  
15          initiatives to maximize the use of federal and private dollars to support  
16          mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse  
17          services;  
18          (5)   Identify and recommend effective model programs for implementation  
19          in each of the Mental Health Study Commission Plans;  
20          (6)   Develop a business initiative to increase awareness about the crisis in  
21          the mental health system and to build partnerships for creating an  
22          effective response; and  
23          (7)   Review major initiatives for children for integration with the Child  
24          Mental Health Plan.  
25          Sec. 5. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.