

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 280

Short Title: GPAC/MRC Reduction.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

February 19, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO REQUIRE A PLAN TO REDUCE THE PEOPLE SERVED IN THE STATE'S MENTAL RETARDATION CENTERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Human Resources shall develop a plan to reduce the total number of people served in State-operated Mental Retardation Centers by 500 people by the end of 1994 and 100 per year afterwards. In developing this plan, the Department shall consider:

- (1) An immediate moratorium on new admissions of school age children and youth to mental retardation centers;
- (2) A fifty percent (50%) reduction of all new admissions in 1993;
- (3) A moratorium on all new admissions in 1994;
- (4) Increased development of community placement slots for school age children and adults;
- (5) Establishment of 100 new community-based respite care slots per year;
- (6) Closing of Black Mountain Center by 1995;
- (7) Development of a comprehensive quality assurance plan for community services; and
- (8) Any other issues it considers necessary.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, the sum of fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) for the 1993-94

1 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-six million six hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$26,600,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year, to implement this act.

3 Sec. 3. It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate additional
4 funds to the Department of Human Resources, in subsequent fiscal years, to implement
5 this act, according to the following schedule:

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7	Fiscal Year	Amount
8	1995-96	\$9,300,000
9	1996-97	\$18,600,000
10	1997-98	\$7,700,000
11	1998-99	\$17,000,000
12	1999-00	\$9,400,000
13	2000-01	\$18,700,000
14	2001-02	\$9,300,000.

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16 Sec. 4. The base budget of the Department of Human Resources is reduced
17 by twenty-three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$23,900,000) for the 1993-94
18 fiscal year and by thirty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars (\$37,400,000) for
19 the 1994-95 fiscal year due to the implementation of this act.

20 Sec. 5. It is the intent of the General Assembly to reduce the base budget of
21 the Department of Human Resources in subsequent fiscal years due to the
22 implementation of this act, according to the following schedule:

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24	Fiscal Year	Amount
25	1995-96	\$10,300,000
26	1996-97	\$20,700,000
27	1997-98	\$9,000,000
28	1998-99	\$19,300,000
29	1999-00	\$10,400,000
30	2000-01	\$20,700,000
31	2001-02	\$10,400,000.

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