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Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
2 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A MULTIYEAR PILOT  
3 PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT A SINGLE STREAM OF FUNDING SYSTEM  
4 FOR THE STATE'S MENTAL HOSPITALS.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Effective July 1, 1993, the Department of Human Resources shall  
8 begin expanding community-based services and downsizing institutional services for  
9 the mentally ill. In order to accomplish this goal, the Department shall develop and  
10 implement a multiyear pilot program to implement a single stream of funding system  
11 for the State's mental hospitals. The program shall include a gradual transfer of funds  
12 from the mental hospitals to the community area mental health authorities concomitant  
13 with the transfer to the area authorities of the responsibility of providing appropriate  
14 services to those persons in need of hospitalization and the implementation of a single  
15 portal of entry State policy for all admissions to the mental hospitals. The pilot program  
16 shall provide technical assistance to area authorities to prepare them for the  
17 implementation of the single stream of funding system.

18 Sec. 2. For each fiscal year of the 1993-95 fiscal biennium, three million  
19 seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) shall be transferred from the continuation  
20 budget of the mental hospitals to community area mental health authorities to expand  
21 community-based mental health services during the multiyear pilot programs's  
22 existence.

23 Sec. 3. It is the intent of the General Assembly to continue to transfer three  
24 million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) from the continuation budget of

- 1 the mental hospitals to community area mental health authorities in each remaining
- 2 fiscal year of the multiyear pilot program's existence.
- 3           Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.