

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 282

Short Title: GPAC/MRC Downsizing.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

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 ESTABLISH A POLICY TO
3 INCREASE THE USE OF COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR THE
4 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED AND TO DOWNSIZE STATE-OPERATED
5 MENTAL RETARDATION CENTERS.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. The General Assembly finds that North Carolina currently offers
9 residential services for the developmentally disabled population and that residential
10 programs are the most costly and most restrictive methods of caring for this population.
11 The General Assembly further finds that persons with developmental disabilities can be
12 served far more effectively through a broad array of residential and nonresidential
13 services. Therefore, the General Assembly establishes a clear commitment to increase
14 the use of community-based programs to serve the developmentally disabled, and to
15 downsize State-operated mental retardation centers.

16 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.