

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 359

Short Title: GPAC/DD In-Home Care Initiatives.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

February 24, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
2 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO EXPAND THE MEDICAID HOME-
3 AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER AND TO INCREASE FAMILY
4 SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. The General Assembly finds that, in the movement to reduce the
8 number of people living in institutions, the most under-utilized approach is the
9 prevention or the reduction of the need for out-of-home care and support. The General
10 Assembly further finds that, quite often, a relatively small amount of support at the
11 family level can prevent long-term, costly services in a residential facility.

12 Sec. 2. (a) The Department of Human Resources shall forward its application for an
13 expanded Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Waiver as soon as possible, in order
14 to enable the Department to fund in-home support programs and comprehensive case
15 management services essential to the increase in family support programs for people
16 with disabilities pursuant to this act.

17 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
18 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of thirty-
19 one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$31,900,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and
20 the sum of forty million one hundred thousand dollars (\$40,100,000) for the 1994-95
21 fiscal year to implement the Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Waiver and to
22 fund programs that support families of people with developmental disabilities that
23 cannot be funded through the Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Waiver. These

1 programs shall include direct family subsidies and family support coordination
2 networks.

3 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.