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**SENATE BILL 400\***

Short Title: Mental Health Study Commission Cont'd.

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Sponsors: Senators Harris; Tally, Ward, Carpenter, Forrester, Hoyle, Seymour, Richardson, Lee, Plexico, Albertson, Conder, and Walker.

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Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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February 25, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION FURTHER CONTINUING THE MENTAL HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

Sec. 4. In addition to other studies authorized by law, the Mental Health 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.