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SENATE BILL 934*

Short Title: MHSC/MH/DD/SA Services Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Conder; Ward, Soles, Martin of Guilford, Hunt, Parnell, Jordan, Hoyle, Walker, Lee, Kerr, Edwards, Richardson, Seymour, Gunter, Allran, Forrester, Cochrane, Smith, Codington, Carpenter, Blackmon, Ballance, Folger, Marshall, Warren, Sherron, Hyde, Plexico, Tally, Gulley, Winner of Mecklenburg, Kaplan, Odom, Perdue, Sands, Shaw, Plyler, Harris, and Speed.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 21, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MENTAL
3 HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION AND COALITION 2001 PLANS FOR
4 MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE
5 ABUSE SERVICES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

6 Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 North Carolinians directly
7 disabled by alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, and developmental disabilities; and

8 Whereas, the current lack of treatment programs is costing North Carolina
9 hundreds of millions of dollars in lost productivity in the work place, increased crime
10 and criminal justice expenses, increased welfare payments, and long-term remedial care;
11 and

12 Whereas, the Mental Health Study Commission has completed a planning
13 process to develop strategies to meet the needs of these citizens, many of whom are not
14 receiving critical services; and

15 Whereas, this planning process has been a partnership involving legislators,
16 professionals, State and county officials, business leaders, advocates, consumers, and
17 hundreds of citizens throughout the State; and

18 Whereas, Coalition 2001, a group representing 50 organizations, has been
19 formed to promote full implementation of these plans and initiatives; and

1 Whereas, the result of the Mental Health Study Commission work is a
2 blueprint of long-range plans that document total service needs and set forth
3 comprehensive strategies for required services reflecting the unmet needs and the
4 corresponding cost in each disability area; and

5 Whereas, the members of the General Assembly have committed support for
6 this project through incremental funding over the past two sessions; Now, therefore,
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. **Mental Illness.** (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
10 Department of Human Resources, the sum of six million sixty thousand dollars
11 (\$6,060,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of nine million one hundred fifty
12 thousand dollars (\$9,150,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development
13 of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the
14 Comprehensive Long-Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness
15 presented in the 1989 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission.

16 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
17 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
18 Human Resources, the sum of six million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$6,700,000)
19 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the
20 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development of community-based, periodic,
21 day/night and 24-hour services for children and adolescents in accordance with the
22 Child Mental Health Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study
23 Commission.

24 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
25 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
26 Human Resources, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1993-
27 94 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 1994-95
28 fiscal year for housing services for persons with mental illness in accordance with the
29 Comprehensive Long-Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness.

30 (d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
31 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
32 Human Resources, the sum of two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) for the
33 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for
34 the 1994-95 fiscal year for mental health services for persons who are deaf and mentally
35 ill.

36 Sec. 2. **Substance Abuse.** (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
37 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
38 Department of Human Resources, the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars
39 (\$2,500,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of three million eight hundred
40 thousand dollars (\$3,800,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development
41 of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the
42 Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Plan presented in the 1991 Report of the Mental
43 Health Study Commission.

1 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
2 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
3 Human Resources, the sum of six million six hundred thousand dollars (\$6,600,000) for
4 the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1994-95
5 fiscal year for the continued development of community-based, periodic, day/night and
6 24-hour services for children and adolescents in accordance with the Child and
7 Adolescent Substance Abuse Plan presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental Health
8 Study Commission.

9 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
10 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
11 Human Resources, the sum of two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000)
12 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the
13 1994-95 fiscal year to be targeted for public/private recovery services for substance
14 abusers.

15 (d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
16 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
17 Human Resources, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal
18 year and the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 1994-
19 95 fiscal year to be targeted for pregnant women served in the Women's Perinatal
20 Programs established in the 1992-93 fiscal year.

21 (e) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
22 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
23 Human Resources, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal
24 year and the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 1994-
25 95 fiscal year to be targeted for substance abuse services for persons involved in the
26 criminal justice system.

27 (f) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
28 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
29 Human Resources, the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal
30 year to support development and operation of a Consortium to Develop Quality
31 Improvement Criteria and Standards of Care for Substance Abuse Programs.

32 **Sec. 3. Developmental Disabilities.** (a) There is appropriated from the General
33 Fund to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
34 Abuse Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of six million nine hundred
35 thousand dollars (\$6,900,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of ten million
36 eight hundred thousand dollars (\$10,800,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the
37 continued development of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services
38 for adults with developmental disabilities in accordance with the Long-Range Plan for
39 Persons with Developmental Disabilities presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental
40 Health Study Commission.

41 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
42 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
43 Human Resources, the sum of three million seven hundred thousand dollars
44 (\$3,700,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of five million six hundred

1 thousand dollars (\$5,600,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development
2 of community-based, periodic, day/night and 24-hour services for children with
3 developmental disabilities in accordance with the Long-Range Plan for Persons with
4 Developmental Disabilities presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental Health Study
5 Commission.

6 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Maternal and
7 Child Health, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the sum of
8 one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and
9 the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal
10 year to provide services for clients served by United Cerebral Palsy Centers.

11 (d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental
12 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of
13 Human Resources, the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000)
14 for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the
15 1994-95 fiscal year for the continued development of community-based, periodic,
16 day/night and 24-hour services for housing for persons with developmental disabilities
17 in accordance with the Long-Range Plan for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
18 presented in the 1993 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission.

19 Sec. 4. The funds appropriated in Sections 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), 2(b), 3(a), and
20 3(b) of this act shall initially be allocated on a per capita basis to the area mental health,
21 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services authorities in accordance with
22 the Catch-Up Funding Proposal endorsed by the Mental Health Study Commission in
23 January 1993.

24 Sec. 5. The Secretary of Human Resources shall ensure that copies of all
25 Mental Health Study Commission plans referred to in this act are available as follows:

- 26 (1) On file in the State Library;
- 27 (2) Distributed to all area mental health, developmental disabilities, and
28 substance abuse authorities; and
- 29 (3) On file in the Department and made available, upon request, to other
30 affected agencies and individuals.

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