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SENATE BILL 1240

Short Title: Coalition 2001 '96 Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Winner, Carpenter, Conder, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Martin of Pitt; Gulley and Dannelly.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
3 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AS REQUESTED BY
4 COALITION 2001.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
7 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department
8 of Human Resources, the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for the 1996-97
9 fiscal year for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs
10 and services, as requested by Coalition 2001. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

11 (1) Mental Health:

12 a. Residential Services - \$905,000 to provide required start-up and
13 operating dollars to support HUD Grant Housing, as requested by
14 the Mental Health Association of North Carolina, for persons
15 with severe and persistent mental illness. Of these funds,
16 \$545,000 shall be allocated for adult residences and \$360,000
17 shall be allocated for children's residences;

18 b. Services for the Deaf Mentally Ill - \$125,000 to provide
19 interpreters to enable the deaf mentally ill to take advantage of a

- 1 variety of mental health services in the community, including
2 individual and group therapy day treatment and residential
3 services, as required by the 504 Settlement Agreement between
4 the North Carolina Association of the Deaf and the Division;
- 5 c. Supportive Housing/Independent Living - \$505,000 to provide
6 supportive services and skills training to implement essential
7 community-based projects aimed at developing personal skills
8 needed by the client to live independently and cope effectively in
9 the community. This allocation shall be divided equally among
10 the four mental health regions and shall be concentrated in the
11 one to two area programs per region that serve the region's areas
12 of greatest need;
- 13 d. Vocational Services - \$300,000 to provide expanded and
14 enhanced transitional and supported employment services that
15 are focused on the unique needs of individuals with mental
16 illness. These services shall be developed in conjunction with
17 the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; and
- 18 e. Continuity of Care/System of Care - \$3,165,000 to provide
19 community-based essential clinical treatment, case management
20 and day services to some of the 90,000 adults and 40,000
21 children with severe and long-term mental illness, in order to
22 provide the most effective treatment in the least restrictive setting
23 and avoiding higher institutional costs of treatment. Of these
24 funds, \$2,165,000 shall be allocated for adults' services and
25 \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for children's services;
- 26 (2) Developmental Disabilities:
- 27 a. Residential Subsidy Slots - \$190,000 to provide 60 residential
28 subsidy slots at \$3,167 per slot, to facilitate the movement of 100
29 or more individuals in the 1996-97 fiscal year;
- 30 b. Supported Living - \$1,240,000 to provide seven additional
31 supported living programs and to expand 12 existing supported
32 living programs, which programs shall be person-centered and
33 designed to meet specific individual needs and shall provide
34 individuals the ability to access flexible services and enable
35 individuals with developmental disabilities to live in local
36 housing and access local services;
- 37 c. Traumatic Brain Injury - \$830,000 to provide persons with
38 traumatic brain injury with a systematic, coordinated system of
39 local services, which services shall be used, in large part to
40 provide local services' support for up to 17 individuals with
41 significant physical or behavioral difficulties caused by traumatic
42 brain injury whose cost of care exceed Medicaid reimbursement

- 1 and the ability of local programs to pay and to establish a State
2 registry;
- 3 d. Vocational Services - \$1,170,000 to expand programs targeted at
4 increasing the capacity for supportive employment by reducing
5 the 1,200 person waiting list by 300;
- 6 e. Guardianship - \$100,000 to provide guardianship services for an
7 additional 30 to 40 individuals identified and waiting for
8 guardianship services;
- 9 f. Assistive Technology - \$160,000 for the Division of Vocational
10 Rehabilitation to provide services to over 700 individuals
11 annually that provide technical assistance and consultation to
12 consumers and families who need to use technical equipment to
13 help them be more independent;
- 14 g. Developmental Day Child Care - \$910,000 to enhance the quality
15 of care, therapeutic services, and education of over 3,000
16 children with developmental disabilities in the 80 specialized
17 developmental day child care centers and to allow for the
18 enrollment in this child care of additional children in order to
19 provide an inclusive, normal child care setting for more children
20 in need of this care; and
- 21 h. Respite - \$400,000 to provide respite services to families to
22 enable them to continue providing care in the home for children
23 and adults with severe developmental disabilities;
- 24 (3) Substance Abuse:
- 25 a. Maternal Substance Abuse Services - \$750,000 to develop
26 substance abuse 24-hour services for women with substance
27 abuse problems and for their young children in areas with
28 significant need and evidence of organizational capacity in up to
29 three residential services programs;
- 30 b. Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Services - \$1,000,000 to
31 develop or enhance substance abuse intensive outpatient or day
32 treatment services for adults in areas with inadequate services
33 and evidence of organizational capacity in up to 10 programs;
- 34 c. Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse Services - \$1,250,000 to
35 develop or enhance substance abuse treatment and case
36 management services for children and adolescents in areas with
37 inadequate service access, lack of provider capacity, and
38 evidence of organizational commitment in up to 10 programs;
- 39 d. Substance Abuse Public-Private Partnership Initiative -
40 \$1,500,000 to expand area program capacity to purchase
41 substance abuse services from licensed nonprofit or for-profit
42 providers in the State, in accordance with the Division's rules for
43 the Substance Abuse Public-Private Partnership Initiative. The

1 allocation of these funds shall make support of Harvest House
2 residential treatment program for farm workers a priority; and
3 e. Support Services for Housing for Substance Abusers - \$500,000
4 to develop or expand support services for substance abusers, as
5 outlined in the Division's Strategic Housing Plan.

6 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.