

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

S

2

**SENATE BILL 1149
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/15/98**

Short Title: Out-of-Home Respite Care Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 18, 1998

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT PERTAINING TO THE
3 REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 143B-181.10(c) reads as rewritten:

6 (c) Respite care services provided by the programs established by this section may
7 include:

- 8 (1) Counseling and training in the caregiving role, including coping
9 mechanisms and behavior modification techniques;
- 10 (2) Counseling and accessing available local, regional, and State services;
- 11 (3) Support group development and facilitation;
- 12 (4) Assessment and care planning for the patient of the caregiver;
- 13 (5) Attendance and companion services for the patient in order to provide
14 release time to the caregiver;
- 15 (6) Personal care services, including meal preparation, for the patient of the
16 caregiver;
- 17 (7) Temporarily placing the person out of his home to provide the caregiver
18 total respite when the mental or physical stress on the caregiver
19 necessitates this type of respite.

1 ~~Program funds may provide no more than the current adult care reimbursement rate for~~
2 ~~out of home placement.~~—An out of home placement is defined as placement in a hospital,
3 skilled or intermediate nursing facility, adult care home, adult day health center, or adult
4 day care center. Duration of the service period may extend beyond a year."

5 Section 2. The Division of Aging of the Department of Health and Human
6 Services shall report to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging no later than
7 October 1, 1999, the impact on Respite Care Program services and funds of the repeal of
8 the statutory limitation on the reimbursement rate for out-of-home placement which
9 limits reimbursement to the current adult care reimbursement rate.

10 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires July 1, 2000.