

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**HOUSE BILL 903**

Short Title: Mental Health/Continuation Budget.

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; Adams, Brown, Cansler, Church, Clary, Crawford, Earle, Hiatt, Insko, Luebke, McMahan, Mosley, Russell, Sherrill, Wainwright, and G. Wilson.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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April 5, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FORMULA TO PROVIDE ONGOING FUNDING  
INCREASES TO COMMUNITY AREA MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide an ongoing funding base for area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services programs that ensures a continued maintenance of effort at the community level. To this end, the Governor shall include in the continuation budget request an annual increase in funding of at least the percentage of the health cost ratio index for the preceding fiscal year. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this percentage increase be applied to all State appropriations for area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs as certified for the previous fiscal year.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.