

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 648

Short Title: Funding Formula/Incr. for Area MH.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Phillips; Albertson, Ballance, Carpenter, Carter, Clodfelter, Cochrane, Dalton, Dannelly, Forrester, Garrou, Gulley, Hagan, Hartsell, Hoyle, Jordan, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Guilford Metcalf, Miller, Purcell, Rand, Reeves, Robinson, Warren, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 30, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FUNDING FORMULA TO PROVIDE ONGOING
INCREASES TO 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.