

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1962

Short Title: Psych. Trtmnt. Facility Funds/So.West NC. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives West and Haire (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 8, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A LICENSED JUVENILE PSYCHIATRIC
3 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT OR LEVEL IV FACILITY IN SOUTHWESTERN
4 NORTH CAROLINA.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
9 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)
10 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the establishment of a
11 Juvenile Psychiatric Residential Treatment or Level IV Facility (PRTF/Level IV) in
12 Southwestern North Carolina. The funds shall also be used to meet any new licensing
13 requirements of the Division of Facility Services and to provide repairs to an existing
14 nonoperating former State facility that served as a multipurpose juvenile group home
15 funded in 1992 through the Prison Bond Referendum. This group home facility was
16 closed by the State in 2002 and reverted to the control of Macon County, North
17 Carolina. The newly established facility shall serve the rising demand for PRTF/Level
18 IV services in Southwestern North Carolina, which are currently provided only out of
19 the region and as far away as Wilmington and Greensboro, as well as out-of-state.

20 **SECTION 2.** Funds appropriated in this act are contingent upon execution
21 of a contract with a service provider for the facility.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.