

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 904

Short Title: Funds for Area Mental Health Programs.

(Public)

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

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 5, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AREA MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.

Whereas, funds for area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services programs have been reduced over the past eight years in an amount over sixteen million dollars; and

Whereas, reductions in funds have resulted in curtailment of needed services for people with disabilities in North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year for area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs. These funds shall be allocated based on a formula established to address the waiting list for services for each disability area.

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