

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 972\*

Short Title: Transp. Costs/Invol. Commitment.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko and Hackney.

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Referred to: Mental Health.

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April 12, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST AND EXPENSES OF TRANSPORTING A  
2 RESPONDENT IN AN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT PROCEEDING MAY  
3 BE RECOVERED FROM THE RESPONDENT'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 122C-251(h) reads as rewritten:

7 "(h) The cost and expenses of transporting a respondent to or from a 24-hour  
8 facility is the responsibility of the county of residence of the respondent. The State  
9 (when providing transportation under G.S. 122C-408(b)), a city, or a county is entitled to  
10 recover the reasonable cost of transportation from ~~either (i) the respondent or some other~~  
11 ~~individual liable for his support and maintenance, if there is property sufficient to pay the cost; or~~  
12 ~~(ii) the county of residence of an indigent respondent.~~ the county of residence of the  
13 respondent. The county of residence of the respondent shall reimburse the State, another  
14 county, or a city the reasonable transportation costs incurred as authorized by this  
15 subsection. The county of residence of the respondent is entitled to recover from its  
16 resident respondent or some other individual liable for the resident respondent's support  
17 and maintenance if there is property sufficient to pay the cost, unless its resident  
18 respondent is indigent, the reasonable cost of transportation that it has paid to another  
19 county."

20 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.