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**HOUSE BILL 1112\*  
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Short Title: Central Listing/MH Beds/Invol. Comm.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO DEVELOP A CENTRAL LISTING OF MENTAL HEALTH  
4 FACILITIES DESIGNATED TO ASSIST IN THE PLACEMENT OF  
5 INDIVIDUALS TO BE INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED AND REQUIRE  
6 AREA AUTHORITIES TO MAINTAIN A CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
9 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall  
10 develop a central listing of mental health facilities designated for the placement of  
11 individuals to be involuntarily committed to assist law enforcement officers and others.  
12 The list shall be developed from existing funds appropriated to the Department. The  
13 listing shall be accessible on the Internet and implemented not later than October 1,  
14 2005. The Department shall report on the implementation of the listing and the status  
15 and compliance of area authorities' crisis response service to the Joint Legislative  
16 Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight  
17 Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse  
18 Services not later than March 1, 2006.

19       **SECTION 2.** G.S. 122C-117(a) is amended by adding the following new  
20 subdivision to read:

21       "(14) Maintain a 24-hour a day, seven day a week crisis response service.  
22       Crisis response shall include telephone and face-to-face capabilities.  
23       Crisis phone response shall include triage and referral to appropriate  
24       face-to-face crisis providers and shall be initiated within one hour of  
25       notification. Crisis services do not require prior authorization but shall  
26       be delivered in compliance with appropriate policies and procedures.  
27       Crisis services shall be designed for prevention, intervention, and  
28       resolution, not merely triage and transfer, and shall be provided in the

1                    least restrictive setting possible, consistent with individual and family  
2                    need and community safety."

3                    **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.