

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS65175-LN-58A (2/8)**

Short Title: Funds for MH Crisis Services. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Nesbitt.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FOR CRISIS SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY COALITION 2001.

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 five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to provide crisis services to individuals with mental illness and individuals with developmental disabilities and thereby help prevent unnecessary institutionalization. Funds for mental health services shall be used to enhance existing services and expand services in conjunction with existing response centers. Funds for developmental disability services may be provided through four strategically located crisis centers across the State for services to children and adults.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.