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SENATE BILL 2037*

Short Title: Funds/UNC STEP/OASIS Pgms. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Atwater, Bingham, and Dorsett.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO EXPAND THE SCHIZOPHRENIA
3 TREATMENT AND EVALUATION PROGRAM (STEP) PROGRAM IN THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT THE UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
8 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred thousand
9 dollars (\$200,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the
10 Department of Psychiatry at the UNC School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. These funds
11 shall be used to expand the Department of Psychiatry's Schizophrenia Treatment and
12 Evaluation Program (STEP) into a community setting, to provide training for the next
13 generation of psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, and nurses to address the
14 current workforce crisis, to provide statewide training and consultation in
15 evidence-based practices, and to provide ongoing support for the STEP and OASIS
16 clinics.

17 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
18 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
19 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
20 (\$100,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The Division shall allocate these funds to the
21 UNC School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, to provide bridge funding for
22 OASIS, a statewide program providing targeted, intense interventions to individuals in
23 the early stages of schizophrenia when chronicity and disability may be most
24 preventable. Funds shall be used to support OASIS as foundation support ends,
25 allowing OASIS to transition to funding through private insurance, Medicaid, State
26 appropriations for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
27 Services, and other funding streams.

28 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.