

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 667*

Short Title: Coalition 2001 Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Metcalf; Albertson, Carpenter, Holloman, Kinnaird, Lucas, and
Malone.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

April 2, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH,
3 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
4 PROGRAMS, AS REQUESTED BY COALITION 2001.

5 Whereas, the community mental health, developmental disabilities, and
6 substance abuse services system has doubled in terms of persons served in the past 10
7 years; and

8 Whereas, tens of thousands of North Carolinians with severe disabilities are
9 still on waiting lists for services; and

10 Whereas, the success of North Carolina's mental health reform initiative
11 depends on appropriate, continuing community-based mental health, developmental
12 disabilities, and substance abuse services; and

13 Whereas, a critical need exists for the expansion of the Trust Fund for Mental
14 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and Bridge Funding
15 Needs to assist in start-up and transition activities for essential community mental
16 health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services; and

17 Whereas, Coalition 2001, a State level organization representing tens of
18 thousands of North Carolinians with severe disabilities through nearly 50 nonprofit
19 organizations working in mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse
20 areas seeks funding to meet the needs of North Carolinians with mental health,
21 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse problems; Now, therefore,
22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

23 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
24 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
25 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of twenty-five million dollars
26 (\$25,000,000) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for community
27 services programs.

1 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Trust Fund
2 for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and
3 Bridge Funding Needs, the sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the
4 2003-2004 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated in accordance with G.S.
5 143-15.3D.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.