

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 613
HOUSE BILL 806

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO AREA MENTAL
HEALTH PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 2C of Chapter 122, as the same appears in the 1971 Cumulative Supplement of Volume 3B of the General Statutes, is hereby amended by adding a new section at the end thereof to be designated G.S. 122-35.23 to read as follows:

"§ 122-35.23. **Allocation of funds to area programs.** — Appropriations shall be made annually by the State Department of Mental Health to area mental health programs for the provision of community-based services. Allocations shall be made in the form of a base grant computed on the basis of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per one thousand population within the catchment area. Additional allocation may be made to the area mental health program on a formula basis as determined by the area's relative ability to fund mental health services. In no case shall the allocation formula provide for less than one for one State matching funds nor more than nine for one. Funding shall be continued upon the area program maintaining at least the same level of local financial participation as in the fiscal year 1973. For the purpose of this section, local financial participation shall not include State or federal funds.

Where local mental health programs have not been established as area programs, appropriations shall be allocated on the basis of two-thirds of the first thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of the approved budget and one-half of the remainder of the budget.

Appropriations shall be allocated to area mental health programs in accordance with the annual plan, approved by both the area board and the Department of Mental Health. Where the actual expenditures for the fiscal period are less than the approved budget, the State's share of the operating costs shall be determined on the basis of actual expenditure with any overpayment of State funds being refunded to the Department of Mental Health within 90 days after the close of the fiscal period.

Appropriations to area programs shall be used exclusively for the operating costs of the program with all real estate, buildings, and equipment necessary to the operation of such program being provided by local or federal funds, or both, and title to such property shall remain with the area program."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 18th day of May, 1973.