

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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HOUSE BILL 212\*

Short Title: Cherry Hosp./Mental Health Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Kerr, Tart; Albertson, Anderson, Beard, Bowen, Chapin, Church, Colton, Cooper, J. Crawford, Creech, DeVane, Edwards, L. Etheridge, Hall, Hardaway, James, Lilley, Mills, Perdue, Redwine, Rogers, R. Thompson, Warner, Warren, Watkins, and Woodard.

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Referred to: Human Resources.

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February 14, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE THE STAFF/PATIENT  
3 LEVEL AT CHERRY HOSPITAL AND TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED  
4 ALTERNATIVE SERVICES FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
7 Human Resources, Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance  
8 Abuse Services, the sum of two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000) for  
9 the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of two million eight hundred thousand dollars  
10 (\$2,800,000) for the 1990-91 fiscal year, to bring the level of staffing at Cherry Hospital  
11 to the same level as at Broughton Hospital.

12 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
13 Human Resources, Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance  
14 Abuse Services, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the 1989-90  
15 fiscal year and the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the 1990-91  
16 fiscal year, to be used in the Eastern Region to provide community-based alternatives to  
17 institutionalization at Cherry Hospital for adults with severe and persistent mental  
18 illness. These alternatives shall include greater local inpatient crisis stabilization, day  
19 services, and liaison capacity.

20 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.