

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 340
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/30/89

Short Title: Area Board Composition.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 23, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF AREA MENTAL HEALTH,
3 MENTAL RETARDATION, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES BOARDS
4 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING CONSUMER AND FAMILY
5 PARTICIPATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 122C-118(e) reads as rewritten:

8 "(e) The area board shall include:

- 9 (1) At least one county commissioner from each county in the area except
10 that in a single-county area authority the board of commissioners may
11 instead appoint any resident of the county;
- 12 (2) At least two physicians licensed under Chapter 90 of the General
13 Statutes to practice medicine in North Carolina and when possible, one
14 of these physicians should be certified as having completed a
15 residency in psychiatry;
- 16 (3) At least one professional representative from the fields either of
17 psychology, social work, nursing, or religion;
- 18 (4) At least one individual ~~each~~ each, either a primary consumer or an
19 individual from a citizens' organization, representing the interests of ~~or~~
20 ~~from citizens' organizations representing the interests of~~ individuals with:
21 a. Mental illness;
22 b. Mental retardation; and
23 e. ~~Alcoholism; and~~

- 1 d. ~~Drug abuse;~~
2 c. Substance abuse.
3 (5) ~~At least one representative from local hospitals or _____ area planning~~
4 ~~organizations; and family consumer each representing the interest of~~
5 individuals with:
6 a. Mental illness;
7 b. Mental retardation; and
8 c. Substance abuse.
9 (6) At least one attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina."

10 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989, provided however,
11 appointments of board members in newly designated categories shall be made as
12 vacancies normally occur.