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SENATE BILL 327*

Short Title: MH/DD/SA Services Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Ward; Martin of Guilford, Marvin, Richardson, Royall, Tally, and Walker.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 28, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MEET THE NEED FOR MENTAL
2 HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
3 SERVICES IN NORTH CAROLINA.
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5 Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 North Carolinians directly
6 disabled by alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, and developmental disabilities; and

7 Whereas, the current lack of treatment programs is costing North Carolina
8 hundreds of millions of dollars in lost productivity in the workplace, increased crime
9 and criminal justice expenses, increased welfare payments, and long-term remedial care;
10 and

11 Whereas, the Mental Health Study Commission has completed a five-year
12 planning process to develop strategies to meet the needs of these citizens, many of
13 whom are not receiving critical services; and

14 Whereas, this planing process has been a partnership involving legislators,
15 professionals, State and county officials, business leaders, advocates, consumers, and
16 hundreds of citizens throughout the State; and

17 Whereas, over the past year, 34 organizations have joined in an effort labeled
18 Coalition '91 to promote full implementation of these plans and initiatives; and

19 Whereas, the result of the Mental Health Study Commission work is a
20 blueprint of long-range plans that document and quantify total service needs and set
21 forth comprehensive strategies for required services reflecting the unmet need and the
22 corresponding cost in each disability area. The total 10-year cost to implement the

1 plans will require over six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) in State, federal, and
2 local money; Now, therefore,

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
5 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
6 of Human Resources the sum of \$5,435,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
7 \$6,265,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
8 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the Comprehensive
9 Long-Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the
10 1989 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session
11 of the General Assembly.

12 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
13 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
14 of Human Resources, the sum of \$787,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
15 \$1,100,000 for start-up and operational funds for adult mental health residential
16 programs in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan for Adults with
17 Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989 Report of the Mental Health
18 Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of the General Assembly.

19 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
20 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
21 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,135,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
22 \$1,635,000 for the expansion of psychiatric rehabilitation services to long-term mentally
23 ill patients and the addition of 33 health care technicians at John Umstead Hospital to
24 ensure patient and staff safety in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan
25 for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989 Report of the
26 Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of the General
27 Assembly.

28 Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
29 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
30 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
31 \$2,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to make available the antipsychotic drug
32 Clozapine needed for the treatment of schizophrenia to those persons who are unable to
33 pay as determined by rules adopted by the Department of Human Resources.

34 Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
35 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
36 of Human Resources, the sum of \$4,961,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
37 \$5,659,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
38 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services to children and adolescents with serious
39 emotional disturbances in accordance with the Child Mental Health Plan presented in
40 the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1987
41 Session of the General Assembly.

42 Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
43 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
44 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,220,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of

1 \$1,220,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement a youth sex offender rehabilitation
2 program as a cooperative effort of Division of Mental Health, Developmental
3 Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and Division of Youth Services including 10
4 new outpatient sites in area programs and expansion of existing sites.

5 Sec. 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
6 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
7 of Human Resources, the sum of \$121,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
8 \$121,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to create three new teacher/liaison positions at
9 Wright and Whitaker Reeducation Schools.

10 Sec. 8. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
11 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
12 of Human Resources, the sum of \$4,597,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
13 \$5,645,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
14 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the adult portion of
15 the Developmental Disabilities Services Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the
16 Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1987 Session of the General
17 Assembly.

18 Sec. 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
19 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
20 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,223,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
21 \$3,867,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to provide start-up and operational funds for 27
22 HUD group homes (1991-93) and 20 new projects (three months) in 1992-93.

23 Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
24 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
25 of Human Resources, the sum of \$506,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
26 \$506,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to restore intended one-time cut for operational
27 HUD group homes.

28 Sec. 11. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
29 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
30 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,585,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
31 \$2,120,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
32 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services to children with developmental
33 disabilities in accordance with the child portion of the Developmental Disabilities
34 Services Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and
35 approved by the 1987 Session of the General Assembly.

36 Sec. 12. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
37 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
38 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,040,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
39 \$3,454,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the provision of early intervention services
40 required by Public Law 99-457.

41 Sec. 13. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
42 Environment, Health and Natural Resources the sum of \$3,093,000 for the 1991-92
43 fiscal year and the sum of \$3,093,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the provision of
44 early intervention services required by Public Law 99-457.

1 Sec. 14. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
2 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
3 of Human Resources, the sum of \$16,970,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
4 \$18,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the development of community-based
5 periodic, day/night and 24-hour services including regional residential programs in
6 accordance with the Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Plan presented in the 1991
7 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission.

8 Sec. 15. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
9 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
10 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,030,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
11 \$2,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-
12 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the Youth Substance
13 Abuse Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and
14 approved by the 1987 Session of the General Assembly.

15 Sec. 16. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
16 Human Resources, the sum of \$1,200,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
17 \$1,200,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continuation of four diagnostic centers for
18 children and adults who are developmentally disabled and require assistive technology
19 to communicate.

20 Sec. 17. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
21 Maternal and Child Health in the Department of Environment, Health and Natural
22 Resources the sum of \$800,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$800,000 for
23 the 1992-93 fiscal year to provide matching funds for capital expansion for three United
24 Cerebral Palsy Therapeutic Preschools in Wilmington, Greenville, and Charlotte and to
25 continue current operations in U.C.P. Centers.

26 Sec. 18. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
27 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department
28 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,367,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
29 \$1,315,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to complete conversion of 24 area programs to
30 the Pioneer Funding System.

31 Sec. 19. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended in accordance with
32 the Pioneer Funding System for those area programs operating under Pioneer
33 requirements.

34 Sec. 20. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.