

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 698

Short Title: Funds for MH Crisis Services. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Atwater, Dalton, Hartsell, Holloman, and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
3 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
4 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FOR CRISIS
5 SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY COALITION 2001.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
9 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000)
10 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the
11 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to provide crisis services to individuals
12 with mental illness and individuals with developmental disabilities and thereby help
13 prevent unnecessary institutionalization. Funds for mental health services shall be used
14 to enhance existing services and expand services in conjunction with existing response
15 centers. Funds for developmental disability services may be provided through four
16 strategically located crisis centers across the State for services to children and adults.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.