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H HOUSE BILL 1573

Short Title: Funds for OASIS. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko; Faison, Glazier, and Harrison.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR ALLOCATION TO THE UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY FOR THE OASIS PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The Division shall allocate these funds to the UNC School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, to provide bridge funding for OASIS, a statewide program providing targeted, intense interventions to individuals in the early stages of schizophrenia when chronicity and disability may be most preventable. Funds shall be used to support OASIS as foundation support ends, allowing OASIS to transition to funding through private insurance, Medicaid, State appropriations for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and other funding streams.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.