GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE BILL 1043

Short Title: Child Residential Treatment/Room and Board. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 21, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PAY IN PART OR IN FULL ROOM AND BOARD TO ACCREDITED AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall ensure that payments for room and board are made to accredited agencies providing Children's Residential Treatment Level II Family type and Level II-IV Facility services for Medicaid-eligible children. If Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is available at the time that Level II-IV services are rendered, the amount shall be applied towards a portion of the room and board costs. If SSI is not currently available, then the Department shall provide full room and board payment until approval is granted or the client is denied. Retroactive SSI payments that are made after approval is granted shall be applied toward a portion of the room and board costs.

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