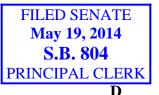
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013



SENATE DRS45124-MGz-141A* (04/07)

Short Title:	Strategies for Improving MH-DD-SAS.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Hise and Hartsell (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
DEVELOP AND REPORT ON STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY
THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) shall 10 submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services 11 and the Fiscal Research Division by November 1, 2014, that includes all of the following 12 components:

- 13 (1) A strategy for improving communication and coordination among all
 14 divisions within the Department that administer funds or programs related to
 15 the delivery of behavioral health services, especially regarding the most
 16 appropriate and efficient uses of public and private inpatient behavioral
 17 health services. The Department shall include as part of its strategy a process
 18 to address shortages and deficiencies identified in the annual State Medical
 19 Facilities Plan.
 - (2) A plan developed in collaboration with local management entities that have been approved to operate as managed care organizations (LME/MCOs) to increase access to, and availability of, community-based outpatient crisis and emergency services for the stabilization and treatment of individuals experiencing mental health, developmental disability, or substance abuse crises in settings other than local hospital emergency departments and State-operated psychiatric hospitals.
 - (3) A plan to ensure that a comprehensive array of outpatient treatment and crisis prevention and intervention services are available and accessible to children, adolescents, and adults in every LME/MCO catchment area. The plan shall ensure that an adequate number of crisis stabilization units are available in each LME/MCO catchment area.
- 32 (4) Findings and recommendations for increasing the inventory of inpatient
 33 psychiatric and substance abuse services within the State. In developing its
 34 findings and recommendations, the Department shall examine the
 advantages and disadvantages of increasing this inventory of services
 36 through (i) additional State-operated facilities, (ii) community hospital beds,



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		(iii) United States Veterans Administration beds, and (i	v) community-based
		services that decrease the need for inpatient treatment.	
	(5)	A plan for offering hospitals and other entities income	entives to apply for
		licenses to begin offering new inpatient behavioral h	ealth services, or to
		begin operating existing licensed beds that are currently	
	(6)	Recommendations on the use of the existing Cherry Ho	
	~ /	patients and operations are relocated to the repla	
		developing its findings and recommendations, the Depa	-
		a study that includes development of an inventory an	
		condition of every building located on the existing Che	
		The study shall include an examination of the feasibility	• • •
		Cherry Hospital facility to provide community-base	
		behavioral health services, including additional ch	
		inpatient beds.	
	(7)	A method by which the Division of Health Service F	Regulation can begin
	(\prime)	tracking and separately reporting no later than Januar	
		inventory of inpatient behavioral health beds for child	
		12 and for adolescents over age 12.	ion ugos six unough
	(8)	A status update on the implementation of each com	popent of the 2008
	(0)	Mental Health Commission Workforce Development Pl	-
	SEC	TION 2. The Department shall submit a report	
Renres		Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human	
		Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint I	
		Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research D	
		les all of the following components:	ivision by iviaten 1,
2015, 0	(1)	A comprehensive strategy, developed in collaboration	n with stakeholders
	(1)	deemed relevant by the Department, to address the dea	
		and adolescent inpatient psychiatric beds throughout th	
		shall:	e state. The strategy
		a. Ensure that an adequate inventory of child and	adolescent beds are
		available in each LME/MCO catchment area.	
		b. Include the development and implementation	on of a child and
		adolescent psychiatric bed registry to provide r	
		on the number of beds available at each license	
		the State.	a inputione facility in
	(2)	Recommendations for meaningful outcome measures to	be implemented by
	(2)	State-operated alcohol and drug abuse treatment centers	
		of inpatient treatment on an individual's substance use	
		from a State-operated alcohol and drug abuse tre	
		recommendations shall include a proposed time line for	
		these outcome measures.	
	SEC	TION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.	
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