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HOUSE BILL 377

Short Title: Health Professionals' Recruitment.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gardner.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 28, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
RESOURCES TO SECURE ASSISTANCE IN THE RECRUITMENT OF
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122C-112 (b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Secretary may:

- (1) Acquire by purchase or otherwise in the name of the Department equipment, supplies, and other personal property necessary to carry out the mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs;
- (2) Sponsor training opportunities in the fields of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse;
- (3) Promote and conduct research in the fields of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse;
- (4) Provide technical assistance for the development and improvement of prevention services;
- (5) Receive donations of money, securities, equipment, supplies, or any other personal property of any kind or description which shall be used by the Secretary for the purpose of carrying out mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs. Any donations shall be reported to the Office of State Budget and Management as determined by that office;

- 1 (6) Accept, allocate, and spend any federal funds for mental health,
2 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse activities that may be
3 made available to the State by the federal government. This Chapter
4 shall be liberally construed in order that the State and its citizens may
5 benefit fully from these funds. Any federal funds received shall be
6 deposited with the State Treasurer and shall be appropriated by the
7 General Assembly for the mental health, developmental disabilities, or
8 substance abuse purposes specified;
- 9 (7) Enter agreements authorized by G.S. 122C-346;
- 10 (8) Accept, allocate, and spend funds from the United States Department
11 of Defense to operate mental health demonstration projects for families
12 of the uniformed services. Demonstration projects shall be operated
13 through an area authority. The operation of these demonstration
14 projects may be accomplished through subcontracts with one or more
15 private sector ~~providers~~-providers;
- 16 (9) Allocate funds for contracting with a person, firm, or corporation for
17 aid or assistance in locating, recruiting, or arranging employment of
18 health care professionals at any facility listed in G.S. 122C-181,
19 notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 126-18."
- 20 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.