

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 533*

Short Title: Mental Health Study Commission Cont.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Isenhower; Abernethy, Balmer, Barbee, Barnhill, Beard, Bowie, J.W. Crawford, Culp, Esposito, Gardner, Gottovi, Grimmer, Jack Hunt, Jones, Lewis, Ligon, Lutz, Russell, Wilson, and Woodard.

Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

April 1, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT FURTHER CONTINUING THE MENTAL HEALTH STUDY
2 COMMISSION.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. The Mental Health Study Commission, established and structured
6 by 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80; Chapter 806, 1973 Session Laws; Chapter
7 185, 1975 Session Laws; Chapter 184, 1977 Session Laws; Chapter 215, 1979 Session
8 Laws; 1979 General Assembly Resolution 20; Chapter 49, 1981 Session Laws; Chapter
9 268, 1983 Session Laws; Chapter 792, 1985 Session Laws; Chapter 873, 1987 Session
10 Laws; and Chapter 802, 1989 Session Laws as amended in 1990; is revived and
11 authorized to continue in existence until July 1, 1993.

12 Sec. 2. The continued Mental Health Study Commission shall have all the
13 powers and duties of the original Study Commission as they are necessary to continue
14 the original study, to assist in the implementation of the original and succeeding Study
15 Commission recommendations and to plan further activity on the subject of the study.

16 Sec. 3. Members and staff of the continued Mental Health Study
17 Commission shall receive compensation and expenses as under the original
18 authorization in the 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80. Expenses of the
19 Commission shall be expended by the Department of Human Resources from Budget
20 Code 14460, subhead 1110.

21 Sec. 4. In addition to other studies authorized by law, the Mental Health
22 Study Commission shall:

- 1 (1) Have oversight, review and make recommendations regarding the
2 implementation of the Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Plan, the
3 Comprehensive Long Range Plan for Adults with Severe and
4 Persistent Mental Illness, the Child Mental Health Plan, the Youth
5 Substance Abuse Plan, and the Developmental Disabilities Services
6 Plan;
7 (2) Evaluate and develop recommendations regarding quality of services
8 provided for individuals with mental health, developmental disabilities
9 and substance abuse problems;
10 (3) Monitor implementation of Commission recommendations to improve
11 mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to jails;
12 (4) Have oversight, review and make recommendations regarding the
13 implementation of the Pioneer System and the Commission's Long
14 Range Funding Initiatives Project;
15 (5) Coordinate with the North Carolina Council on Developmental
16 Disabilities in updating the Developmental Disabilities Services Plan.
17 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.