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Sponsors: Senator Ward.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH STUDY  
2 COMMISSION AND COALITION '91 PLANS FOR MENTAL HEALTH,  
3 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN  
4 NORTH CAROLINA.  
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6 Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 North Carolinians directly  
7 disabled by alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, and developmental disabilities; and

8 Whereas, the current lack of treatment programs is costing North Carolina  
9 hundreds of millions of dollars in lost productivity in the workplace, increased crime  
10 and criminal justice expenses, increased welfare payments, and long-term remedial care;  
11 and

12 Whereas, the Mental Health Study Commission has completed a five-year  
13 planning process to develop strategies to meet the needs of these citizens, many of  
14 whom are not receiving critical services; and

15 Whereas, this planing process has been a partnership involving legislators,  
16 professionals, State and county officials, business leaders, advocates, consumers, and  
17 hundreds of citizens throughout the State; and

18 Whereas, over the past year, 34 organizations have joined in an effort labeled  
19 Coalition '91 to promote full implementation of these plans and initiatives; and

20 Whereas, the result of the Mental Health Study Commission work is a  
21 blueprint of long-range plans that document and quantify total service needs and set  
22 forth comprehensive strategies for required services reflecting the unmet need and the  
23 corresponding cost in each disability area. The total 10-year cost to implement the

1 plans will require over six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) in State, federal, and  
2 local money; Now, therefore,

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4       Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
5 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
6 of Human Resources the sum of \$5,435,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
7 \$5,765,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-  
8 based, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-  
9 Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989  
10 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of  
11 the General Assembly.

12       Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
13 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
14 of Human Resources, the sum of \$787,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
15 \$1,100,000 for start-up and operational funds for adult residential programs including  
16 HUD projects in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan for Adults with  
17 Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989 Report of the Mental Health  
18 Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of the General Assembly.

19       Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
20 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
21 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,135,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
22 \$1,635,000 for the expansion of psychiatric rehabilitation services to long-term mentally  
23 ill patients and the addition of 33 health care technicians at John Umstead Hospital to  
24 ensure patient and staff safety in accordance with the Comprehensive Long-Range Plan  
25 for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness presented in the 1989 Report of the  
26 Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1989 Session of the General  
27 Assembly.

28       Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
29 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
30 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
31 \$2,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to make available the antipsychotic drug  
32 Clozapine needed for the treatment of schizophrenia to those persons who are unable to  
33 pay as determined by rules adopted by the Department of Human Resources.

34       Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
35 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
36 of Human Resources, the sum of \$4,961,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
37 \$5,159,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-  
38 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services to children and adolescents with serious  
39 emotional disturbances in accordance with the Child Mental Health Plan presented in  
40 the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1987  
41 Session of the General Assembly.

42       Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
43 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
44 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,220,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of

1 \$1,220,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement a youth sex offender rehabilitation  
2 program as a cooperative effort of Division of Mental Health, Developmental  
3 Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and Division of Youth Services including 10  
4 new outpatient sites in area programs and expansion of existing sites.

5 Sec. 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
6 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
7 of Human Resources, the sum of \$121,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
8 \$121,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to create three new teacher/liaison positions at  
9 Wright and Whitaker Reeducation Schools.

10 Sec. 8. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
11 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
12 of Human Resources, the sum of \$4,553,952 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
13 \$5,471,643 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-  
14 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the adult portion of  
15 the Developmental Disabilities Services Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the  
16 Mental Health Study Commission and approved by the 1987 Session of the General  
17 Assembly.

18 Sec. 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
19 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
20 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,222,316 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
21 \$3,209,264 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to provide start-up and operational funds for 27  
22 HUD group homes (1991-93) and start-up for 20 new projects in 1992-93.

23 Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
24 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
25 of Human Resources, the sum of \$506,590 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
26 \$506,590 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to restore intended one-time cut for operational  
27 HUD group homes.

28 Sec. 11. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
29 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
30 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,550,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
31 \$1,950,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-  
32 based, day/night and 24-hour services to children with developmental disabilities in  
33 accordance with the child portion of the Developmental Disabilities Services Plan  
34 presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and approved by  
35 the 1987 Session of the General Assembly.

36 Sec. 12. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
37 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
38 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,040,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
39 \$3,454,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the provision of early intervention services  
40 required by Public Law 99-457.

41 Sec. 13. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
42 Environment, Health and Natural Resources the sum of \$3,093,000 for the 1991-92  
43 fiscal year and the sum of \$3,093,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the provision of  
44 early intervention services required by Public Law 99-457.

1           Sec. 14. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
2 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
3 of Human Resources, the sum of \$14,970,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
4 \$16,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the development of community-based  
5 periodic, day/night and 24-hour services including regional residential programs in  
6 accordance with the Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Plan presented in the 1991  
7 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission.

8           Sec. 15. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
9 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
10 of Human Resources, the sum of \$1,030,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
11 \$2,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continued development of community-  
12 based periodic, day/night and 24-hour services in accordance with the Youth Substance  
13 Abuse Plan presented in the 1987 Report of the Mental Health Study Commission and  
14 approved by the 1987 Session of the General Assembly.

15           Sec. 16. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$5,000,000  
16 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$5,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to the  
17 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services,  
18 Department of Human Resources, to promote equalization of funds for area mental  
19 health, developmental disability and substance abuse authorities.

20           Sec. 17. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
21 Human Resources, the sum of \$700,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
22 \$700,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the continuation of four diagnostic centers for  
23 children and adults who are developmentally disabled and require assistive technology  
24 to communicate.

25           Sec. 18. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
26 Maternal and Child Health in the Department of Environment, Health and Natural  
27 Resources the sum of \$800,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$800,000 for  
28 the 1992-93 fiscal year to provide matching funds for capital expansion for three United  
29 Cerebral Palsy Therapeutic Preschools in Wilmington, Greenville, and Charlotte and to  
30 continue current operations in U.C.P. Centers.

31           Sec. 19. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
32 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Department  
33 of Human Resources, the sum of \$2,367,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of  
34 \$1,315,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to complete conversion of 24 area programs to  
35 the Pioneer Funding System.

36           Sec. 20. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended in accordance with  
37 the Pioneer Funding System for those area programs operating under Pioneer  
38 requirements.

39           Sec. 21. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.