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SENATE BILL 1148

Health & Human Resources Committee Substitute Adopted 6/2/04 House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/1/04

Short Title:	Care for the Mentally Ill in LTC Facilities.	
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Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 18, 2004

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
2	AN ACT TO I	PROVIDE SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR LONG-TERM CARE		
3	PROVIDER	S CARING FOR RESIDENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES, AS		
4		NDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON		
5	AGING.			
6	The General As	sembly of North Carolina enacts:		
7		FION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall study the		
8	mission of the	Geriatric Mental Health Specialty Teams to assist long-term care		
9	facilities in serving all residents who are within the targeted populations, as identified in			
10	the State Plan	developed pursuant to G.S. 122C-102. The Department shall include		
11	representatives f	from Area Authorities, Local Management Entities, the adult care home		
12	and the nursing	home industries and other appropriate stakeholders. As part of this		
13	study, the Depar	rtment shall consider whether to:		
14	(1)	Create two separate teams, a Geriatric Mental Health Specialty Team		
15		to provide services to geriatric mental health residents who are part of		
16		the targeted population, and a LTC Mental Health Specialty Team to		
17		provide services to nongeriatric residents who are part of the targeted		
18		population in long-term care facilities.		
19	(2)	Broaden the scope of and rename the Geriatric Mental Health		
20		Specialty Teams to LTC Mental Health Specialty Teams to reflect the		
21		expanded mission.		
22		FION 2. The Department of Health and Human Services shall also		
23		e criteria across all mental health specialty teams:		
24	(1)	Team purpose,		
25	(2)	Eligibility for services,		
26	(3)	Screening processes,		
27	(4)	Referral processes, and		
28	(5)	Forms, Training Manuals, Service Orders, and Authorizations.		

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1	The Department shall proceed immediately with implementing any of these
2	standards that are currently established. The Department shall provide a time line for
3	implementation of the remaining criteria in its interim report required under Section 4 of
4	this act.
5	SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall proceed
6	immediately with implementation of the following:
7	(1) Tracking expenditure data for each Team and each Area
8	Program/Local Management Entity.
9	(2) Tracking the number of facilities served, the number of clients served,
10	and the types of services provided by each Team.
11	(3) Tracking the use of clinicians with and without formal specialty
12	training in mental health and geriatric mental health on the specialty
13	teams.
14	SECTION 4. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit
15	an interim report to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the Joint
16	Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
17	Substance Abuse Services by October 30, 2004, on its efforts to standardize criteria;
18	track expenditure data; and track the number of facilities served, clients served, and
19	services provided by each Team. The Department shall submit a final report on its
20	standardization and tracking efforts, and the results of its study, to the North Carolina
21	Study Commission on Aging and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental
22	Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services by October 30,
23	2005.
24	SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.