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**SENATE BILL 1161*
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 5/26/05
Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Substitute Adopted 7/27/05**

Short Title: Central Listing/MH Beds/Invol. Comm. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO DEVELOP A CENTRAL LISTING OF MENTAL HEALTH
4 FACILITIES DESIGNATED TO ASSIST IN THE PLACEMENT OF
5 INDIVIDUALS TO BE INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED AND REQUIRE
6 AREA AUTHORITIES TO MAINTAIN A CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
9 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall
10 develop a central listing of mental health facilities designated for the placement of
11 individuals to be involuntarily committed to assist law enforcement officers and others.
12 The list shall be developed from existing funds appropriated to the Department. The
13 listing shall be accessible on the Internet and implemented not later than October 1,
14 2005. The Department shall report on the implementation of the listing and the status
15 and compliance of area authorities' crisis response service to the Joint Legislative
16 Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight
17 Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
18 Services not later than March 1, 2006.

19 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 122C-117(a) is amended by adding the following new
20 subdivision to read:

21 "(14) Maintain a 24-hour a day, seven day a week crisis response service.
22 Crisis response shall include telephone and face-to-face capabilities.
23 Crisis phone response shall include triage and referral to appropriate
24 face-to-face crisis providers and shall be initiated within one hour of
25 notification. Crisis services do not require prior authorization but shall
26 be delivered in compliance with appropriate policies and procedures.
27 Crisis services shall be designed for prevention, intervention, and
28 resolution, not merely triage and transfer, and shall be provided in the

1 least restrictive setting possible, consistent with individual and family
2 need and community safety."

3 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.