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HOUSE DRH50825-LN-344 (5/13)

Short Title: Funds for Discharge Planning/Develp. Disab. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Farmer-Butterfield.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES PROVIDING
3 MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE
4 ABUSE SERVICES TO USE A PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE
5 DISCHARGE PLANNING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
6 DISABILITIES CLIENTS.

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 assist
10 Local Management Entities (LMEs) in using up to five percent (5%) of the LME's
11 developmental disability funds to help successfully transition individuals from
12 developmental disability centers into the community. The Department of Health and
13 Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
14 Abuse Services, shall report on the progress of LMEs in successfully providing
15 discharge planning to individuals with developmental disability. The Department of
16 Health and Human Services shall make its report to the House of Representatives
17 Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate
18 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative
19 Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
20 Abuse Services, and the Fiscal Research Division not later than March 1, 2009.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.