

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 222

Short Title: Mental Health Study Comm. Cont'd.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Harris; Raynor and Smith.

Referred to: Rules and Operation.

February 21, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT FURTHER CONTINUING THE MENTAL HEALTH STUDY
COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Mental Health Study Commission, established and structured by 1973 General Assembly Resolution 80; Chapter 806, 1973 Session Laws; Chapter 185, 1975 Session Laws; Chapter 184, 1977 Session Laws; Chapter 215, 1979 Session Laws; 1979 General Assembly Resolution 20; Chapter 49, 1981 Session Laws; Chapter 268, 1983 Session Laws; Chapter 792, 1985 Session Laws; and Chapter 873, 1987 Session Laws; is revived and authorized to continue in existence until July 1, 1991.

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

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

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

- (1) Have oversight, and review and make recommendations regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Long Range Plan for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness;

1 (2) Have oversight, and review and make recommendations regarding
2 pioneer testing of funding policies;

3 (3) Continue the study of insurance coverage for mental illness and
4 chemical dependency.

5 Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Human Resources for the 1989-90 fiscal year the sum of twenty thousand dollars
7 (\$20,000) for the use of the Commission in the study of insurance coverage for mental
8 illness and chemical dependency.

9 Sec. 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.