



- 1           (2) Survey and analyze evidence-based best practices in North Carolina  
2           and elsewhere for potential systemwide adoption.
- 3           (3) Identify barriers to access for developing a uniform access process to  
4           implement a "no wrong door" policy such that children and families  
5           may enter any service access point but will be afforded seamless  
6           access to all necessary services.
- 7           (4) Recommend changes to North Carolina service systems involving  
8           mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse  
9           services, social services, education services, juvenile justice, and other  
10          related service systems that will promote meaningful and effective  
11          interagency collaboration and satisfactory outcomes for children and  
12          families.
- 13          (5) Provide estimates on the fiscal impact of proposed changes to the  
14          service systems.

15           **SECTION 1.(b)** The Oversight Committee may hire a consultant and may  
16          establish an advisory committee to work with the consultant in conducting the study.  
17          The Cochairs of the Oversight Committee may appoint the members of the advisory  
18          committee. Membership on the advisory committee shall include representatives of the  
19          service systems involved and consumers or other members of the public at large. The  
20          Oversight Committee shall determine the extent and scope of the study in accordance  
21          with subsection (a) of this section and shall establish interim and final reporting time  
22          lines for the consultant's findings and recommendations.

23           **SECTION 1.(c)** With the prior approval of the Legislative Services  
24          Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to assist in  
25          the work of the Oversight Committee and its advisory committee. With the prior  
26          approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Oversight Committee and its  
27          advisory committee may hold its meetings in the State Legislative Building or the  
28          Legislative Office Building.

29           **SECTION 1.(d)** The Oversight Committee may submit a progress report on  
30          the results of the study, including recommended legislation, to the 2003 General  
31          Assembly, Regular Session 2004, upon its reconvening, and shall report on the study,  
32          including recommended legislation, to the 2005 General Assembly, upon its convening.  
33          All reports shall be filed with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of  
34          the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Librarian. The Oversight Committee  
35          shall provide copies of its reports to system entities such as social services, juvenile  
36          justice, education, and other appropriate entities.

37           **SECTION 1.(e)** Members of the Oversight Committee and its advisory  
38          committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with  
39          G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

40           **SECTION 1.(f)** All State departments and agencies shall cooperate with the  
41          Oversight Committee and its advisory committee and, upon request, shall furnish to the  
42          Oversight Committee and its staff any information in their possession or available to  
43          them.

1           **SECTION 2.** From funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
2 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the expenses of the Oversight  
3 Committee, including expenses of advisory committee members and consultant costs.

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