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HOUSE BILL 85*

Short Title: Evaluate DD Residential Options for Children. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Earle, and Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Health and Human Services.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
3 EVALUATE AND REPORT ON RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OPTIONS FOR
4 YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AS
5 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
6 MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
7 SERVICES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental
10 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall conduct a
11 comprehensive review of current congregate residential placements for children from birth to
12 six years of age who have a developmental delay, intellectual disability, or developmental
13 disability. The review shall include beds transferred from State developmental centers to
14 private intermediate care facilities for individuals with mental retardation. By September 1,
15 2011, the Division shall submit a report of its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight
16 Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. The
17 report shall include an overview of all services available for this population of children (i)
18 through age six and (ii) after age six.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

