

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 696*

Short Title: Funds to Expand MH Community Capacity. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Dalton, Dorsett, Hartsell, Holloman, Snow, and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
3 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
4 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FOR COMMUNITY
5 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY COALITION 2001.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
9 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of ninety million dollars
10 (\$90,000,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and the sum of ninety million dollars
11 (\$90,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to develop
12 community capacity for individuals in the target population who are waiting for
13 services. The services to be provided include intensive outpatient and comprehensive
14 outpatient programs for substance abuse treatment, ACT, community support, and
15 interdisciplinary dual diagnosis teams for mental health. Funds shall also be used for
16 the CAP/DD Medicaid program to draw down additional federal funds to reduce the DD
17 waiting list, and for individuals on the waiting list who are not eligible for the waiver
18 program.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.