

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 408*

Short Title: Mental Health Study Commission Cont.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Walker; Martin of Guilford, Tally, Ward, and Conder.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 1, 1991

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; Chapter 873, 1987 Session Laws; and Chapter 802, 1989 Session Laws as amended in 1990; is revived and authorized to continue in existence until July 1, 1993.

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, review and make recommendations regarding the implementation of the Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Plan, the

- 1 Comprehensive Long Range Plan for Adults with Severe and
2 Persistent Mental Illness, the Child Mental Health Plan, the Youth
3 Substance Abuse Plan, and the Developmental Disabilities Services
4 Plan;
- 5 (2) Evaluate and develop recommendations regarding quality of services
6 provided for individuals with mental health, developmental disabilities
7 and substance abuse problems;
- 8 (3) Monitor implementation of Commission recommendations to improve
9 mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to jails;
- 10 (4) Have oversight, review and make recommendations regarding the
11 implementation of the Pioneer System and the Commission's Long
12 Range Funding Initiatives Project;
- 13 (5) Coordinate with the North Carolina Council on Developmental
14 Disabilities in updating the Developmental Disabilities Services Plan.
- 15 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.