

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 673*

Short Title: Jobs for All Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; and Berger of Franklin.

Referred to: Health Care.

March 17, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM VOCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO
3 PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND DEVELOPMENTAL
4 DISABILITIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Whereas, persons with mental illness and developmental disabilities should
7 have the dignity and responsibility conferred by work; and

8 Whereas, the General Assembly has legislated that best practice will be the
9 standard for reform of the mental health system; and

10 Whereas, long-term vocational support services are recognized as a best
11 practice for persons with severe disabilities; Now, therefore,

12 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
14 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000)
15 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) for the
16 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to provide long-term vocational
17 support services.

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