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**HOUSE BILL 678
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/7/11**

Short Title: Pilot Release of Inmates to Adult Care Homes.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN
2 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, TO ESTABLISH
3 A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW CERTAIN INMATES RELEASED FROM
4 CONFINEMENT TO BE PLACED IN ADULT CARE HOMES TO RECEIVE
5 PERSONAL CARE SERVICES AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with
9 the Department of Correction, shall establish a pilot program to allow certain inmates released
10 from confinement pursuant to G.S. 148-4 or Article 84B of Chapter 15A of the General
11 Statutes, who have been determined by the Department of Correction to be in need of personal
12 care services and medication management, to be placed in an adult care home licensed under
13 Article 1 of Chapter 131D of the General Statutes. The purpose of the pilot program is to
14 determine if placing this population of released inmates in an adult care home provides the
15 State with a lower cost alternative to providing for their care upon release from confinement
16 without jeopardizing the health and safety of the inmates or the public. The Department of
17 Health and Human Services shall select one adult care home to participate in the pilot program.
18 The selected adult care home is prohibited from having or admitting any residents other than
19 the inmates selected to participate in the pilot program. The Secretary of Health and Human
20 Services may waive any rule adopted under Article 1 or Article 3 of Chapter 131D of the
21 General Statutes as necessary to protect the public health and safety.

22 **SECTION 2.** Not later than 18 months after the participating adult care home
23 admits its first resident in accordance with the pilot program established under Section 1 of this
24 act, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Correction shall
25 report their findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control,
26 and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee. The report shall include an analysis of the costs and
27 benefits of allowing this population of released inmates to be placed in an adult care home
28 setting as compared to continuing their incarceration in a unit of the State prison system.

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

