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HOUSE BILL DRH40166-MGa-92

Short Title: Study/Regional Behavioral Health Center. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell, Torbett, Dobson, and Rogers (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,
4 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY
5 THROUGH PARTNERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR THE
6 ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
9 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
10 Substance Abuse Services, the sum of one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) in
11 nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, to conduct, through Partners Behavioral Health
12 Management, a feasibility study for the establishment of a behavioral health crisis center located
13 in Burke County to serve a broader region, to be determined by the findings of the feasibility
14 study. The study shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

- 15 (1) A description of all programs and services to be provided at the facility.
- 16 (2) The facility's service area and the demand for service in that area.
- 17 (3) Current provider capacity to meet the demand for service in that area.
- 18 (4) A recommended location for the facility, including the cost to rent, purchase,
19 or construct a facility at the recommended location, along with the cost of any
20 land, buildings, land improvements, or building improvements.
- 21 (5) Start-up costs for the facility and programs offered at the facility, including
22 any necessary training.
- 23 (6) Annual cost to operate the facility, including staff, training, supplies, food,
24 housekeeping, security, maintenance, administration, medications, and
25 information technology.
- 26 (7) Cost to rent or purchase equipment for the facility.
- 27 (8) Anticipated sources of public and private payment for services provided at the
28 facility, including private insurance, Medicaid, State appropriations, patient
29 payments, and other payment sources.
- 30 (9) The estimated amount of recurring and nonrecurring State appropriations
31 necessary to start and sustain the facility.
- 32 (10) Any referral agreements necessary to ensure continuity of patient care.
- 33 (11) An implementation timeline.

34 **SECTION 1.(b)** By February 10, 2020, the Department of Health and Human
35 Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,



- 1 shall submit a written report of the findings of the feasibility study authorized by subsection (a)
2 of this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.