

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 672

Short Title: Accountability for State Funding/MHDDSA. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle, Brisson, Hurley, Hughes (Primary Sponsors);
M. Alexander, Bell, Bordsen, Carney, Coates, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield,
Goforth, Harrison, Howard, Justus, Lucas, Luebke, Mackey, Parmon, Pierce,
Randleman, Wainwright, and Wray.

Referred to: Mental Health Reform, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 19, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES TO TAKE CERTAIN STEPS
3 BEFORE REDUCING OR MOVING STATE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL
4 DISABILITY SERVICES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 122C-117 is amended by adding the following new subdivisions
7 to read:

8 "§ 122C-117. Powers and duties of the area authority.

9 (a) The area authority shall do all of the following:

10 ...
11 (15) Before an LME that utilizes single stream funding may move funding from
12 one broad disability category to another, the LME must:

13 a. Meet Departmental benchmarks for service penetration, and

14 b. Hold a public hearing at an open LME board meeting to receive
15 comment on the change in funding.

16 (16) Before an LME proposes to reduce State funding to HUD group homes and
17 HUD apartments below the original appropriation State funds, the LME
18 must:

19 a. Receive approval of the reduction in funding from the Department,
20 and

21 b. Hold a public hearing at an open LME board meeting to receive
22 comment on the reduction in funding."

23 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

