

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1148

Short Title: Care for the Mentally Ill in LTC Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell, Allran, Dannelly, Moore, Queen; Bingham, Dalton, Hargett, Holloman, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lucas, Malone, and Purcell.

Referred to: Health & Human Resources.

May 18, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR LONG-TERM CARE
2 PROVIDERS CARING FOR RESIDENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES, AS
3 RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON
4 AGING.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall study
8 expanding the mission of the Geriatric Mental Health Specialty Teams to assist
9 long-term care facilities in serving all residents who are within the targeted populations,
10 as identified in the State Plan developed pursuant to G.S. 122C-102. As part of this
11 study, the Department shall consider renaming the Geriatric Mental Health Specialty
12 Teams to LTC Mental Health Specialty Teams to reflect the expanded mission.

13 **SECTION 2.** While undertaking the study, the Department of Health and
14 Human Services shall proceed with implementation of the following:

- 15 (1) Standardizing these criteria across all Geriatric Mental Health
16 Specialty Teams:
17 a. Team purpose,
18 b. Eligibility for services,
19 c. Screening processes,
20 d. Referral processes, and
21 e. Forms, Training Manuals, Service Orders, and Authorizations.
22 (2) Tracking expenditure data for each Team and each Area
23 Program/Local Management Entity.
24 (3) Tracking the number of facilities served, the number of clients served,
25 and the types of services provided by each Team.

26 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit
27 an interim report to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging by October 30,
28 2004, on its efforts to standardize criteria; track expenditure data; and track the number

1 of facilities served, clients served, and services provided by each Team. The
2 Department shall submit a final report on its standardization and tracking efforts, and
3 the results of its study, to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging by October
4 30, 2005.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.