

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**

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**SENATE DRS15144-LN-85A\* (3/13)**

Short Title: Coalition 2001 Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Metcalf.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH,  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES  
PROGRAMS, AS REQUESTED BY COALITION 2001.

Whereas, the community mental health, developmental disabilities, and  
substance abuse services system has doubled in terms of persons served in the past 10  
years; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of North Carolinians with severe disabilities are  
still on waiting lists for services; and

Whereas, the success of North Carolina's mental health reform initiative  
depends on appropriate, continuing community-based mental health, developmental  
disabilities, and substance abuse services; and

Whereas, a critical need exists for the expansion of the Trust Fund for Mental  
Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and Bridge Funding  
Needs to assist in start-up and transition activities for essential community mental  
health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services; and

Whereas, Coalition 2001, a State level organization representing tens of  
thousands of North Carolinians with severe disabilities through nearly 50 nonprofit  
organizations working in mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse  
areas seeks funding to meet the needs of North Carolinians with mental health,  
developmental disabilities, and substance abuse problems; Now, therefore,  
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental  
Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of twenty-five million dollars  
(\$25,000,000) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for community  
services programs.

1           **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Trust Fund  
2 for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and  
3 Bridge Funding Needs, the sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the  
4 2003-2004 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated in accordance with G.S.  
5 143-15.3D.

6           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.