

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE DRS85131-LN-59A\* (2/8)**

Short Title: Funds for MH/DD/SA Childrens' Services. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Nesbitt.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY COALITION 2001.

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 eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to expand early intervention services for children with developmental disabilities.
- (2) \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year for expansion of the Mental Health System of Care Initiative.
- (3) \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year for multisystemic therapy and intensive in-home services in the area of substance abuse.

Services funded under this section shall be community-based with the intent of preserving in-home residential placement and avoiding institutionalization.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.