

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 704*

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

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Atwater, Dalton, Hartsell, Snow, and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
3 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
4 SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY COALITION 2001.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
9 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of eight million five hundred
10 thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of eight million
11 five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds
12 shall be allocated as follows:

- 13 (1) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to expand early intervention services for
14 children with developmental disabilities.
15 (2) \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year for expansion of the Mental Health
16 System of Care Initiative.
17 (3) \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year for multisystemic therapy and intensive
18 in-home services in the area of substance abuse.

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

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