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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
4 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO USE AVAILABLE
5 FUNDS FOR THE 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009 FISCAL YEARS TO FUND ONE
6 FULL-TIME POSITION FOR THE DIVISION AND TO ASSIST THE
7 COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,
8 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-5, the Department of Health and
11 Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
12 Abuse Services, shall from funds available allocate the sum of one hundred thousand
13 dollars (\$100,000) in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and the sum of one hundred thousand
14 dollars (\$100,000) in the 2008-2009 fiscal year for one full-time position in the Division
15 of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. This
16 full-time position is to provide to the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental
17 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services programmatic expertise regarding the
18 organizational structure of the public Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
19 Substance Abuse Services system and best practice expectations for service delivery in
20 both community and institutional settings, and to also assist the Commission in drafting
21 its rules.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective on the date the Current Operations and
23 Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2007, 2007 General Assembly Regular
24 Session, becomes law.