Short Title:	Funds for Housing Options for Mentally Ill. (Public)

Sponsors:	Representatives Earle, Weiss, Bordsen, Clary (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Alexander, Bell, Cole, Coleman, Cunningham, England, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Glazier, Haire, Hall, Harrison, Hill, Insko, Jeffus, Love, Lucas, Luebke, McAllister, McLawhorn, Mobley, Pierce, Saunders, Underhill, Wainwright, E. Warren, Williams, and Womble.

Referred to:	Mental Health Reform, if favorable, Appropriations.

February 15, 2007

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF
3   HOUSING OPTIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES, AS
4   RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON
5   AGING.
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 the sum of one million five hundred six
9   thousand six hundred dollars ($1,506,600) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and three
10   million thirteen thousand two hundred dollars ($3,013,200) for the 2008-2009 fiscal
11   year. The funds shall be used to increase the availability of housing options for North
12   Carolinians with disabilities through the provision of rental assistance for both North
13   Carolina Housing Finance Agency financed apartments and other publicly subsidized
14   apartments, with priority given to those individuals who are transitioning out of State
15   psychiatric hospitals and those individuals who are transitioning out of long-term care
16   facilities.
17   The Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina
18   Housing Finance Agency shall collaborate to determine the most efficient and effective
19   use of the appropriated funds and shall submit an interim report on the status of this
20   funding to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging on or before September 1,
21   2008, and a final report on or before September 1, 2009.
22   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.