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HOUSE BILL 2398*

Short Title: DHHS Study Group Respite. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Pierce, Boylan (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Blackwood, Bordsen, Clary, England, Glazier, Harrison, McLawhorn, Parmon, Wainwright, and Womble.

Referred to: Aging.

May 26, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO RESPITE CARE AS
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
7 Aging and Adult Services, shall study the adequacy of service standards and funding for
8 group respite services. The study shall include determining whether opportunities exist
9 to streamline and enhance the provision of respite services.

10 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division
11 of Medical Assistance, shall study including respite services as part of the Medicaid
12 State Plan.

13 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Department shall report findings and recommendations
14 to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging on or before November 1, 2009.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.