

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS55026-RDz-7* (01/10)

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

Sponsors: Senators Dorsett, Dannelly, Allran, Bingham, and Malone.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING OPTIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of one million five hundred six thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,506,600) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and three million thirteen thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,013,200) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The funds shall be used to increase the availability of housing options for North Carolinians with disabilities through the provision of rental assistance for both North Carolina Housing Finance Agency financed apartments and other publicly subsidized apartments, with priority given to those individuals who are transitioning out of State psychiatric hospitals and those individuals who are transitioning out of long-term care facilities.

The Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency shall collaborate to determine the most efficient and effective use of the appropriated funds and shall submit an interim report on the status of this funding to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging on or before September 1, 2008, and a final report on or before September 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.