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SENATE BILL 401*

Short Title: ACH Pilot on Crisis Intervention Training. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bingham; Allran, Atwater, Blake, Clary, Daniel, Preston, Rabon, Stevens, and Tucker.

Referred to: Mental Health & Youth Services.

March 24, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TO COORDINATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF ADULT CARE HOMES, BASED ON RECOMMENDATION 5.2 FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE TASK FORCE ON THE CO-LOCATION OF DIFFERENT POPULATIONS IN ADULT CARE HOMES AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Health and Human Services, shall coordinate a pilot program in 10 adult care homes to evaluate the effectiveness of crisis intervention training. The pilot program shall be conducted in adult care homes identified as having a significant percentage of residents with a primary diagnosis of mental health problems and where crisis management has been a concern in the past. The Division shall consider modification of the current North Carolina Interventions (NCI) Prevention training to a one-day training program appropriate for adult care home staff. The training shall be delivered to all direct care workers, including personal care aides, medication aides, and supervisors employed by the participants in the pilot program. The training shall include a competency evaluation component.

SECTION 1.(b) The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Health and Human Services, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the crisis intervention training required by this section and report on or before March 1, 2012, to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. The report shall include the number of adult care homes participating in the pilot, the criteria used to select the pilot participants, the number of staff that received training, the number of staff successfully completing the competency evaluation, the source that provided the training, the evaluation of training effectiveness, and a recommendation on whether the training should be expanded and how best to expand it to additional adult care homes.

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

