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SENATE BILL DRS45361-MR-99* (03/15)

Short Title: I/DD Services Waiting List Transparency. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tucker, Krawiec, and Horner (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE REGISTRY OF
3 UNMET NEEDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOVATIONS WAIVER AND THE
4 WAITING LIST FOR STATE-FUNDED INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
5 DISABILITY SERVICES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Beginning October 1, 2017, twice yearly, each Local Management
8 Entities/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) shall provide to the Department of Health
9 and Human Services (DHHS) the number of individuals within the LME/MCO's catchment
10 area who are on the Registry of Unmet Needs for the North Carolina Innovations Waiver and
11 who are on the waiting list for State-funded intellectual and developmental disability (I/DD)
12 services. The following detailed information shall be provided for the individuals on either or
13 both of these waiting lists:

- 14 (1) Age of each individual.
- 15 (2) Ethnicity of each individual.
- 16 (3) Current living arrangement of the individual.
- 17 (4) Length of time the individual has been on at least one of the two waiting
18 lists.
- 19 (5) The documented services and supports needed by the individual when the
20 individual first requested services, as well as the documented services and
21 supports currently needed by the individual.
- 22 (6) Any documented co-occurring mental health or substance abuse needs the
23 individual may have.
- 24 (7) The documented primary disability of the individual and any documented
25 secondary disabilities that the individual may have.
- 26 (8) The county where the individual lives and, if applicable, the county of
27 residence for Medicaid eligibility.

28 Each LME/MCO shall provide the information to the DHHS no later than April 1
29 and October 1 of each year. No later than January 1 of each year, in order to assist with funding
30 priorities, the DHHS shall submit a report that consolidates all information received during the
31 previous calendar year from the LME/MCOs regarding individuals who are waiting for I/DD
32 services, and that removes any personally identifiable information, to the Joint Legislative
33 Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice and the Fiscal Research Division.

34 Reports from LME/MCOs and from DHHS shall be required under this section until
35 behavioral health services for Medicaid recipients are no longer excluded from capitated
36 Prepaid Health Plan contracts, as defined by S.L. 2015-245, as amended.



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