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**HOUSE BILL 561**

Short Title: Coalition 2001 Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, Gardner (Cosponsors); Baddour, Beall, Black, Church, Cole, Crawford, Cunningham, Early, Easterling, Fox, Gamble, Goodwin, Hackney, H. Hunter, Hurley, Insko, Jeffus, Justus, Luebke, McMahan, Mercer, Michaux, Miller, Mosley, Nye, Oldham, Ramsey, Reynolds, Smith, Tolson, Wainwright, Wilkins, G. Wilson, Wright, and Yongue.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 20, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COALITION 2001.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1. MENTAL HEALTH**

(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for mental health services.

(b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$815,000 each fiscal year for start-up and operating funds to support HUD Grant Housing, through the Mental Health Association in North Carolina, for persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Of these funds, \$225,000 shall be used for three adult group homes for 18

1 individuals, \$180,000 shall be used for four child group homes for 24  
2 individuals, and \$410,000 for revolving housing assistance funds;

- 3 (2) \$125,000 each fiscal year to provide interpreters to enable the deaf  
4 mentally ill to take advantage of a variety of mental health services in  
5 the community. This is part of the 504 Settlement Agreement between  
6 the North Carolina Association of the Deaf and the Division of Mental  
7 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services;
- 8 (3) \$750,000 each fiscal year for supportive services and skills training to  
9 implement essential community-based projects aimed at developing  
10 personal skills needed by the client to live independently and cope  
11 effectively in the community;
- 12 (4) \$300,000 each fiscal year to expand and enhance transitional or  
13 supported employment services focused on the unique needs of  
14 individuals with mental illness;
- 15 (5) \$7,010,000 each fiscal year to provide essential clinical treatment, case  
16 management, and day services to individuals with severe and long-term  
17 mental illness; and
- 18 (6) \$1,000,000 each fiscal year to provide funding to support development  
19 of an array of 24-hour crisis services for the mentally ill including  
20 observation beds in order to reduce unnecessary hospitalization.

21 Section 2. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

22 (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental  
23 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of  
24 Human Resources, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal  
25 year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for  
26 developmental disabilities services.

27 (b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall be  
28 allocated as follows:

- 29 (1) \$3,000,000 each fiscal year to expand vocational supports, including  
30 supported employment, to serve all individuals on the waiting list over a  
31 two-year period;
- 32 (2) \$375,000 each fiscal year to provide 120 individual, flexible subsidy  
33 slots for supported living;
- 34 (3) \$1,700,000 each fiscal year to provide services to those individuals with  
35 the most severe injuries, including returning residents to North Carolina  
36 from out-of-state placements;
- 37 (4) \$1,641,000 each fiscal year to provide supported living staff and  
38 supports for individuals throughout North Carolina;
- 39 (5) \$1,475,000 each fiscal year to eliminate the waiting list for services and  
40 promote the continued development of the Developmental Centers into  
41 more inclusive settings, while simultaneously meeting the educational  
42 needs of preschoolers with special needs;
- 43 (6) \$1,020,000 each fiscal year to establish family support programs;

- 1 (7) \$384,000 each fiscal year to expand respite services;  
2 (8) \$205,000 each fiscal year to provide funding for the continued services  
3 to persons with developmental disabilities in the regional assistive  
4 technology centers; and  
5 (9) \$200,000 each fiscal year to provide guardianship services for persons  
6 with severe disabilities, either limited or full, in order for the individual  
7 to continue receiving the necessary supports in order to live in the  
8 community.

9 Section 3. SUBSTANCE ABUSE

10 (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Mental  
11 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of  
12 Human Resources, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal  
13 year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for  
14 substance abuse services.

15 (b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall be  
16 allocated as follows:

- 17 (1) \$1,212,000 each fiscal year to develop 24-hour services for women with  
18 substance abuse problems and their young children in areas with  
19 significant need and evidence of the necessary organizational capacity  
20 in residential services programs;  
21 (2) \$288,000 each fiscal year to provide four regional substance abuse  
22 specialists fluent in sign language, monies for deaf specialists'  
23 communications needs, and increased interpreter services with a goal of  
24 making substance abuse services directly accessible to deaf persons;  
25 (3) \$1,000,000 each fiscal year to develop or enhance substance abuse  
26 intensive outpatient or day treatment services for adults in areas with  
27 inadequate services and evidence of the necessary organizational  
28 capacity;  
29 (4) \$2,500,000 each fiscal year to develop or enhance substance abuse  
30 outpatient treatment and case management services for children and  
31 adolescents in areas with inadequate service access, lack of provider  
32 capacity, and evidence of organizational commitment;  
33 (5) \$150,000 each fiscal year for expansion of services for families of  
34 substance abusers to include education and counseling services that will  
35 enhance the opportunities for recovery for the patients, especially those  
36 whose inpatient stays have been reduced as the need to decrease the  
37 waiting time for admission has intensified;  
38 (6) \$1,350,000 each fiscal year to expand area program capacity to  
39 purchase substance abuse services from licensed not-for-profit or for-  
40 profit providers in the State in accordance with the Division's rules for  
41 the Substance Abuse Public Private Partnership Initiative;

- 1           (7)   \$1,500,000 each fiscal year to develop or expand support services for  
2           housing for substance abusers as outlined in the Division's Strategic  
3           Housing Plan; and  
4           (8)   \$2,000,000 each fiscal year to establish 12 to 17 new E-Tasc sites and  
5           enhance existing TASC sites to include increased case management  
6           services for substance abusing offenders in need of services in addition  
7           to other wraparound services.  
8           Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.