

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 147*

Short Title: DHHS Workgroup on Mixed Populations ACH. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Bordsen, Pierce, Mobley (Primary Sponsors); Adams, M. Alexander, Allred, Bryant, Carney, England, Faison, E. Floyd, Glazier, Harrison, Insko, Lucas, Luebke, Parmon, Ross, Tolson, and Weiss.

Referred to: Aging, if favorable, Health.

February 12, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION, DIVISION
3 OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, AND THE DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT
4 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TO ASSEMBLE
5 A WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF MIXED
6 POPULATIONS IN ADULT CARE HOMES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH
7 CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Health Service Regulation, Division of Medical
10 Assistance, and the Division of Aging and Adult Services in the Department of Health and
11 Human Services shall convene a workgroup to develop short-term and long-term strategies to
12 address issues within adult care homes that provide residence to persons who are frail and
13 elderly and to persons suffering from mental illness. The workgroup shall include adult care
14 home specialists and long-term care ombudsmen. The Department shall report on the activities
15 of the workgroup along with any recommendations to the Study Commission on Aging and the
16 Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
17 Abuse Services on or before August 1, 2010.

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

