

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 147*
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/1/09**

Short Title: DHHS Workgroup on Mixed Populations ACH.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 12, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES TO
2 ASSEMBLE A WORKGROUP WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DIVISION OF
3 HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, AND
4 THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
6 SERVICES, TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF MIXED
7 POPULATIONS IN ADULT CARE HOMES.
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Aging and Adult Services shall convene a
11 workgroup with the Division of Health Service Regulation, Division of Medical Assistance,
12 and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
13 in the Department of Health and Human Services, to develop short-term and long-term
14 strategies to address issues within adult care homes that provide residence to persons who are
15 frail and elderly, persons with a disability, and to persons with a mental illness. The workgroup
16 shall include adult care home specialists and long-term care ombudsmen. The workgroup shall
17 seek input from advocates representing senior adults, individuals with disabilities, and
18 individuals with mental illness. On or before August 1, 2010, the Division of Aging and Adult
19 Services shall report on the workgroup's activities and recommendations for improvement to
20 the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the Joint Legislative Committee on
21 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

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

