



## 2008 Short Session

The North Carolina General Assembly passed its budget for the 2008 Short Session last week. Now that the budget has passed, all indications show that the legislators will adjourn the 2008 Short Session in the next few days. Budget highlights include: providing \$5.2 million to help pay for 60 beds at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh; preventing the Department of Health and Human Services from forcing local offices to merge before January 1, 2010; and requiring the Department to help to make it easier for state-paid patients to receive community treatment. The budget also included a provision to require the state to develop a system to pay companies according to the qualifications and experience of the individuals delivering community support services.

After adjournment, the General Assembly will reconvene for its 2009 long session in January.

## Bills of Interest

*Several bills related to mental health issues were introduced this short session. If you are interested in seeing a copy of a bill, you may go to the General Assembly's website at <http://www.ncleg.net>. To find the bill you are looking for, just type in the bill number in the area "find bills by number" on the right side of the homepage.*

### **Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Related Bills**

House Bill 2202 – A joint resolution to authorize the Legislative Research Commission to study certain mental health commitment statutes, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services

House Bill 2203 – A joint resolution to authorize the Legislative Research Commission to study the feasibility of tuition forgiveness and other incentives to increase the number of social workers in community mental health in underserved counties in North Carolina

House Bill 2206 – Funds/Beyond Academics Program

House Bill 2228 – Funds/Doctoral Psychology Internship

House Bill 2559 – Funds for TASC

House Bill 2275 – Funds/IOM Studies on MH

House Bill 2301 – Recommendations of MH/DD/SA Oversight Committee

House Bill 2361 – Funds for CAP/MR-DD Slots

House Bill 2433 – Funds for Discharge Planning/Developmental Disabilities

House Bill 2546 – MH/Community Support Changes

House Bill 2598 – CON/DHHS Review/Study

House Bill 2746 – Amend Substance Abuse Professional Act

House Bill 2747 – Firearms/Mental Incompetence

Senate Bill 1610 – Recommendations of MH/DD/SA Oversight Committee

Senate Bill 1794 – Funds for CAP/MR-DD Slots

Senate Bill 1850 – Funds for DD Services

Senate Bill 1886 – Mental Health Court Position Funds

Senate Bill 1966 – LMEs Adopt Managed Care Policies

Senate Bill 2117 – Amend Substance Abuse Professionals Act

### **Adult Services and Aging Bills**

House Bill 2324 – Statewide Aging Study

House Bill 2325 – Project C.A.R.E for Dementia Funds

House Bill 2398 – DHHS Study Group Respite

House Bill 2399 – Adult Protective Services Pilot Program

House Bill 2401 – Improve Adult Care Home Screening and Care

House Bill 2704 – DHHS Study/Adult Care Home/Public Housing

Senate Bill 1751 – Adult Protective Services Pilot Funds

Senate Bill 1767 – Funds/Adult DD Day Service Pilot

Senate Bill 1807 – DHHS Study Group Respite

Senate Bill 1831 – Project C.A.R.E. for Dementia Funds

Senate Bill 2011 – DHHS Study/Adult Care Home/Public Housing

Senate Bill 2116 – DHHS/Community Support Changes

**General Interest Bills**

House Bill 2213 – Family Assistance Centers/Funds  
House Bill 2368 – Children’s Advocacy Center Funds  
House Bill 2370 – Funds Public Health Improvement Initiative  
House Bill 2371 – Establish Public Health Incubator Program  
House Bill 2372 – Funds/Autism Community Initiatives  
House Bill 2374 – Funds for Public Health Incubators  
House Bill 2393 – Funds/Aid to Community Health Centers  
House Bill 2397 – Nursing Home Administrators Criminal History  
House Bill 2421 – Funds/Federally Qualified Health Centers

## House and Senate Committee Membership

### Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse - Nonstanding

**Senate**

Sen. Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr. (Co-Chair)  
 Sen. Austin Murphy Allran  
 Sen. Robert C. Atwater  
 Sen. Janet Cowell  
 Sen. Charlie Dannelly  
 Sen. James Summers Forrester  
 Sen. Vernon Malone  
 Sen. William Robert Purcell, MD  
 Sen. Larry Shaw (Advisory Member)

**House**

Rep. Verla C. Insko (Co-Chair)  
 Rep. Martha Bedell Alexander  
 Rep. Jeffrey L. Barnhart  
 Rep. Beverly Miller Earle  
 Rep. Bob F. England, MD  
 Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield  
 Rep. Carolyn K. Justus  
 Rep. Fred F. Steen, II  
 Rep. R. Van Braxton (Advisory Member)  
 Rep. William D. Brisson (Advisory Member)



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### Appropriations on Health and Human Services – Senate standing

Co-Chairman – Sen. Doug Berger  
 Co-Chairman – Sen. William R. Purcell  
 Members – Sen. Harris Blake, Sen. Charlie S. Dannelly, Sen. James Forrester, Sen. Steve Goss

### Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services – House standing

Chairman – Rep. Earle  
 Chairman – Rep. England  
 Chairman – Rep. Insko  
 Vice Chairman – Rep. Barnhart  
 Vice Chairman – Rep. Clary  
 Vice Chairman – Rep. Coleman  
 Members – Rep. Brisson, Rep. Neumann, Rep. Thomas

### Mental Health/Youth Services – Senate standing

Co-Chairman – Sen. Bob Atwater  
 Co-Chairman – Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird  
 Vice Chairman – Sen. Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr.  
 Members – Sen. Charlie S. Dannelly, Sen. James Forrester, Sen. Jim Jacumin, Sen. Jean Preston, Sen. William R. Purcell, Sen. Larry Shaw, Sen. John Snow

### Mental Health Reform – House standing

Chairman – Rep. Earle  
 Chairman – Rep. Insko  
 Vice Chairman – Rep. Alexander  
 Vice Chairman – Rep. Barnhart  
 Vice Chairman – Rep. Brisson  
 Members – Rep. Braxton, Rep. Clary, Rep. Coleman, Rep. Crawford, Rep. England, Rep. Glazier, Rep. Hurley, Rep. Justus, Rep. Langdon, Rep. McLawhorn, Rep. Parmon, Rep. Ray, Rep. Wiley



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