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S 1217. MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM. *TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AND TO DIRECT THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO REFORM THE STATE SYSTEM FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.* Enacts new GS Chapter 120, Article 27, establishing Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. Directs that Committee include eight Senators and eight House members, all serving two-year terms. Directs Committee to make continuing examination of state's system for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services (mental health system) and make ongoing recommendations to General Assembly for system improvements. Directs the Committee to develop a plan for Mental Health System Reform, with the first recommendations – on changes to the governance, structure, and financing of the system – due upon the convening of the 2001 General Assembly and full implementation of the plan by July, 2005. Sets out detailed requirements for matters to be considered by Committee in developing plan and timetable for reports to General Assembly on progress to full implementation. Effective July 1, 2000.

Intro. by Phillips, Carpenter, Dannelly, Lucas, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, and Purcell.

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