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S 1143. MH/DD/SA COMMISSION CHANGES. PERTAINING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. Amends GS 143B-148 to change the composition of the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and to expand the number of commission members from 29 to 30. Of the six members to be appointed by the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tem. of the Senate must give consideration to ensuring a balance of appointments that represent those who may have knowledge and expertise in adult issues and those who may have knowledge and expertise in children's issues. Of the three appointments recommended by the President Pro Tem., one must be a physician, preferably a psychiatrist, and two must be members of the public. Of the three appointments recommended by the Speaker, one must be a physician with expertise in the field of developmental disabilities or a professional holding a Ph.D. with experience in the field of developmental disabilities, and two must be members of the public. The twenty-four members appointed by the Governor must include the following representation: (1) three professionals licensed or certified under GS Chapter 90 who are practicing, teaching, or conducting research in the field of mental health; (2) four consumers or immediate family members of consumers of mental health services, of which at least three must be selected from nominations submitted by Coalition 2001; (3) three professionals licensed or certified under GS Chapter 90 who are practicing, teaching, or conducting research in the field of developmental disabilities; (4)) four consumers or immediate family members of consumers of developmental disabilities services, of which at least three must be selected from nominations submitted by Coalition 2001; (5) two professionals licensed or certified under GS Chapter 90 who are practicing, teaching, or conducting research in the field of substance abuse and one professional who is a certified prevention specialist or who specializes in the area of addiction education; (6) an individual with knowledge and experience in the field of controlled substance regulation and enforcement, selected from recommendations of the NC Attorney General; (7) a physician with expertise in the field of substance abuse, preferably a physician certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine; (8) four consumers or immediate family members of consumers of substance abuse services, of which at least three must be selected from nominations submitted by Coalition 2001; and (9) a licensed attorney. Commissioners appointed or reappointed on or after July 1, 2002, serve three-year terms, and no commissioner may serve more than two consecutive terms.

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