

May 17, 2006

**H 2083. CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEES.** Filed 5/17/06. *TO CODIFY PORTIONS OF THE STATE PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO CREATE CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE MH/DD/SA CONSUMER ADVOCACY PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.* Adds new Part 4A to Chapter 122C of the General Statutes as title indicates. New GS 122C-170 requires area authorities and county programs to establish committees composed of consumers and family members to be known as Consumer and Family Advisory Committees. Each local committee must be a self-governing and self-directed organization that advises the area authority or county program in its catchment area on the planning and management of the local mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse system. Each of the disability groups must be equally represented on the committee, which must reflect as closely as possible the racial and ethnic composition of the catchment area. Sets out committee responsibilities, including reviewing, commenting on, and monitoring the implementation of the local business plan; reviewing and commenting on the area authority or county program budget; and submitting to the State Consumer and Advisory Committee findings and recommendations on improving the delivery of mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services. New GS 122C-171 establishes the State Consumer and Advisory Committee, composed of 21 members who are appointed as set out in act, which must advise the Department of Health and Human Services and the General Assembly on the planning and management of the State's public mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services system. The Committee's responsibilities include providing technical assistance to local committees in implementing their duties and reviewing and commenting on the State budget for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services. Appropriates from General Fund to Department of Health and Human Services \$1.2 million for 2006-07 to implement the act. Effective July 1, 2006.

**Intro. by Insko.**

GS 122C, APPROP

June 5, 2006

**H 2083. CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEES.** Filed 5/17/06. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends proposed new GS 122C-170 and 122C-171 to require that local Consumer and Family Advisory Committees (CFACs) and the State CFAC include members who are parents of consumers of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services (was, required that local and State CFACs include parents of minor children who are consumers of those services and parents of adult children who are severely developmentally disabled). Deletes appropriation. Transfers the Advocacy and Consumer Service Section of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and requires that the Section implement the requirements of the Consumer Advocacy Program established under Article 1A of GS Chapter 122C. Provides that act is effective when it becomes law (was, July 1, 2006).