March 18, 2009

H 673. SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISAB. SERVICES. Filed 3/18/09. TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE, TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SUPPORTS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Amends GS 122C-115.4(b) to add to the primary functions of a Local Management Entity (LME). Directs each LME to develop a waiting list of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities that are waiting for specific services. Requires an LME to use standardized criteria generated by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop the list to ensure that the waiting list data is collected consistently across LMEs. Specifies that the data should include the number of persons who are: (1) waiting for residential services, (2) potentially eligible for Community Alternatives Program for Persons with Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (CAP-MRDD), and (3) in need of other state-funded services and supports. Directs each LME to annually report the data maintained to DHHS.

Amends GS 122C-112.1(a) to add to the powers and duties of the Secretary of DHHS (Secretary). Requires the Secretary to develop a statewide data system that contains the waiting list information obtained annually from each LME as required under proposed GS 122C-115.4(b)(8). Directs DHHS to use the data collected from the LMEs for statewide planning and needs projects. Directs DHHS to make an annual report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services containing recommendations based on the data collected from each LME. Instructs DHHS to ensure that state-funded developmental disability services are authorized on an annual basis unless there is a change in the individual's person-centered plan that indicates a different authorization frequency. Directs DHHS to develop developmental disability service definitions that allow for a person-centered plan.

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Intro. by Earle, Brisson, Barnhart, Hurley. GS 122C

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H 673. SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISAB. SERVICES. Filed 3/18/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends proposed GS 122C-115.4(b)(8) to require a local management entity (LME) to develop a waiting list in accordance with rules adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services [was, using standardized criteria adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)]. Makes conforming changes to proposed GS 122C-112.1(a)(35). Also specifies that the creation of the statewide waiting list data system does not create an entitlement to services for individuals on the waiting list. Adds to proposed GS 122C-112.1(a)(36) that DHHS is required to ensure that state funded developmental disability services are authorized on a *quarterly, semiannually*, or annual basis, *in accordance with guidelines issued by DHHS*, unless a change in the individual's person-centered plan indicates a different authorization frequency. Amends proposed GS 122C-112.1(a)(37) to require DHHS to develop *new* developmental disability services that allow for person-centered and self-directed supports (was, develop definitions that allow for funding a person-centered plan).

May 13, 2009

H 673. SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT DISAB. SERVICES. Filed 3/18/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Specifies that persons on waiting list required by GS 122C-115.4(b)(8) to include those who are in need of services funded from state appropriations and allocations from Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, including CAP-MRDD, and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop new developmental disability service definitions funded from same sources. Makes technical changes.

June 3, 2009

H 673. SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISAB. SERVICES. Filed 3/18/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 122C-112.1(a)(36) and (37) to clarify that the directives to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services regarding improving supports for persons with developmental disabilities apply to developmental disability services that are funded from *state* appropriations.

Makes organizational changes to new subdivision (8) of GS 122C-115.4(b).

June 29, 2009

SL 2009-186 (H 673). SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES. AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SUPPORTS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. Summarized in Daily Bulletin 3/18/09, 4/13/09, 5/13/09, and 6/3/09. Enacted June 26, 2009. Effective July 1, 2009.