March 23, 2009

H 738. IOM STUDY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS. Filed 3/23/09. TO DIRECT THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE TO STUDY THE PROVISION OF STATE MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

Directs the North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) to conduct a study of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services that are funded with Medicaid funds and with state funds to determine (1) what services are currently available to active, reserve, and veteran members of the military and the National Guard and (2) the need for increased state services to these individuals. Directs the NCIOM to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on or before the convening of the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly.

Intro. by Martin, Insko.

STUDY

April 15, 2009

H 738. IOM STUDY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS. Filed 3/23/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Requires the NC Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) to convene a Task Force (was, required NCIOM to study) to study the adequacy of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services funded with Medicaid and State funds, *currently available to active, reserve, and National Guard members of the military, veterans of the military, and their families.* Also requires that the study include the need for increased State services to these individuals. Requires that the Task Force include members of the General Assembly appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to cooperate with NCIOM and the Task Force and provide necessary data. Makes a conforming change to the title.