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**S 906. ESTABLISH ADULT DAY HEALTH OVERNIGHT RESPITE.** Filed 3/25/09. TO ESTABLISH ADULT DAY HEALTH OVERNIGHT RESPITE PROGRAMS AND TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO PURSUE A MEDICAID WAIVER TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR RESPITE CARE.

Effective January 1, 2010, adds new GS 131D-6.1 directing the Social Services Commission to adopt rules for *adult day health overnight respite programs*, defined to mean provision of 24-hour group care and supervision on a temporary basis to six or fewer unrelated individuals who may be physically or mentally disabled, with care not to exceed seven consecutive calendar days or more than 21 days during a 365 day period. Makes a conforming change. Directs the Division of Medical Assistance of the Department of Health and Human Services to pursue a Medicaid waiver to provide coverage for respite care in such programs.

Intro. by Clary. GS 131D, 143B