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HOUSE BILL 738
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H738-PCS10870-RF-22

Short Title: IOM Study Mental Health Services for Veterans.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 24, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE
3 TO STUDY THE PROVISION OF STATE MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
4 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO CURRENT AND
5 FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND
6 NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS
7 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND
8 VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT
9 COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
10 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.
11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
12 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) shall convene a
13 Task Force to study the adequacy of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance
14 abuse services funded with Medicaid funds and with State funds that are currently available to
15 active, reserve, and National Guard members of the military, veterans of the military, and their
16 families, and the need for increased State services to these individuals.
17 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall cooperate with
18 NCIOM and the Task Force and provide the data necessary for the Task Force to conduct its
19 study.
20 **SECTION 3.** The membership of the Task Force shall include members of the
21 North Carolina General Assembly. Senate members shall be appointed by the President Pro
22 Tempore of the Senate. House members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives. Members of the General Assembly serving on the Task Force shall be entitled
24 to receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances as provided by G.S. 120-3.1.
25 **SECTION 4.** NCIOM shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint
26 Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
27 Abuse Services on or before the convening of the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General
28 Assembly.
29 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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