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SENATE DRS15211-LGa-89A (03/15)

Short Title: Funds/Child Treatment Program.

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Sponsors: Senators Hise and Barringer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD  
3 TREATMENT PROGRAM.

4 Whereas, it is the policy of the State of North Carolina to provide children who have  
5 been traumatized with trauma-focused mental health services at the earliest intervention point  
6 to prevent further trauma and escalating behaviors; and

7 Whereas, a goal of the North Carolina Behavioral Health Managed Care System is  
8 to provide lower-cost community interventions before institutional care is necessary; and

9 Whereas, the North Carolina Child Treatment Program (NC CTP) brings  
10 cost-effective mental health interventions to infants, children, and adolescents coping with  
11 attachment difficulties, trauma symptoms, and significant behavioral-emotional challenges; and

12 Whereas, the NC CTP is an implementation platform focusing on the long-term  
13 support of an effective mental health service array for infants, children, and adolescents with  
14 proven outcomes that can be built upon to assure effective services and outcomes for children  
15 as well as adults; Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
18 Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of one million eight  
19 hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,818,750) for the 2013-2014 fiscal  
20 year and the sum of one million eight hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars  
21 (\$1,818,750) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in recurring funds. These funds shall be used for the  
22 following purposes:

- 23 (1) Provide clinical training and coaching to licensed Medicaid clinicians on an  
24 array of evidence-based treatments and provide a statewide platform to  
25 assure accountability and outcomes.
- 26 (2) Maintain and manage a public roster of program graduates, linking  
27 high-quality clinicians with children, families, and professionals.
- 28 (3) Partner with State, LME/MCO, and private sector leadership to bring  
29 effective mental health treatment to children in juvenile justice and mental  
30 health facilities.

31 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
32 Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of two hundred fifty  
33 thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred fifty  
34 thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds for costs  
35 incurred in developing a secure database for the NC CTP to track individual and



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1 aggregate-level data with interface capability to work with existing networks within State  
2 agencies.

3           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.