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Short Title: Funds to Maintain TROSA SA Svcs. Statewide. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Avila.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,  
4 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO SUPPORT A PROVEN MODEL FOR  
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY.

6 Whereas, North Carolina has an interest in supporting programs that demonstrate  
7 long-term effectiveness in helping individuals recover from substance abuse; and

8 Whereas, Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc., (TROSA) a  
9 licensed supervised therapeutic community, has proven to be a long-term substance abuse  
10 recovery program that works and saves North Carolina taxpayers millions of dollars by  
11 providing community-based, 24/7, residential substance abuse services and job training to  
12 individuals who might otherwise be involved in this State's prisons, courts, mental health  
13 system, or jails; and

14 Whereas, TROSA has provided cost-effective, community-based, 24/7 substance  
15 abuse services free of charge for individuals from all North Carolina counties since 1994; and

16 Whereas, 100% of those who complete TROSA's program secure employment and  
17 90% of TROSA graduates report maintaining their sobriety one year after graduating; and

18 Whereas, 80% of TROSA's annual budget is derived from businesses it owns and  
19 through which its residents receive job training; and

20 Whereas, approximately 3% of TROSA's budget for its residential program is  
21 comprised of State funds; and

22 Whereas, TROSA's census has grown over 50%, from 336 residents to more than  
23 500 residents since 1998, with an additional 150 beds; and

24 Whereas, despite this growth, the annual State appropriation for TROSA has  
25 remained \$350,000 since 2008; and

26 Whereas, without additional State funding, TROSA may have to begin turning  
27 residents away or reducing the number of individuals it serves; Now, therefore,  
28 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

29 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
30 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
31 Substance Abuse Services, the sum of one million one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
32 (\$1,150,000) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and the sum of one million one hundred fifty  
33 thousand dollars (\$1,150,000) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to  
34 Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc., (TROSA) to support the expansion  
35 of TROSA's substance abuse recovery services.



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1           **SECTION 2.** By June 30, 2016, and by June 30, 2017, TROSA shall submit a  
2 report to the General Assembly with a breakdown of how the funds allocated to TROSA  
3 pursuant to Section 1 of this act were used to expand TROSA's capacity for providing  
4 substance abuse recovery services. Each report shall include the total number of individuals  
5 served by TROSA during the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

6           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.