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HOUSE BILL DRH10203-MGa-126 (03/22)

Short Title: Grant Funds for Supported Employment Training. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Dobson.

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 PROVIDE A GRANT TO NORTH
5 CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT FIRST TO
6 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS ON THE PROVISION OF
7 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
8 WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL
9 DISABILITIES, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, OR BOTH.
10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
11 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
12 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
13 Substance Abuse Services, the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for
14 the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000)
15 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to provide a grant to the North
16 Carolina Association of People Supporting Employment First (NCAPSE). NCAPSE shall use
17 these funds exclusively to develop and implement training programs, including online training
18 modules, on the provision of evidence-based supported employment services for individuals in
19 targeted populations, in order to assist these individuals with preparation for, identification of,
20 and maintenance of integrated, paid, competitive employment. The Department shall make
21 these training programs available throughout the State to (i) employers that have hired or are
22 willing to hire individuals in targeted populations, (ii) service providers of local management
23 entities/managed care organizations, and (iii) any other entity the Department determines will
24 benefit from receiving this training in order to achieve improved employment outcomes for
25 individuals in targeted populations. For purposes of this section, "individuals in targeted
26 populations" means individuals with serious mental illness who are in or at risk of entry to an
27 adult care home and individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, or
28 both.
29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

