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HOUSE BILL DRH40629-MGa-156

Short Title: Funds for Statewide Telepsychiatry Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative P. Jones.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO EXPAND THE STATEWIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY PROGRAM  
4 (NC-STEP).  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
7 Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Rural  
8 Health, the sum of three million four hundred twenty-three thousand dollars (\$3,423,000) for the  
9 2020-2021 fiscal year, to be allocated to East Carolina University Center for Telepsychiatry and  
10 e-Behavioral Health for the statewide telepsychiatry program established under  
11 G.S. 143B-139.4B, known as NC-STeP. These funds shall be used as follows:  
12 (1) \$3,243,000 in recurring funds, to be allocated equally toward the  
13 establishment of 12 new NC-STeP program sites.  
14 (2) \$180,000 in recurring funds for operational expenses.  
15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

