



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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Secretary

November 16, 2015

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The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina General Assembly
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Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Justin Burr, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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North Carolina General Assembly
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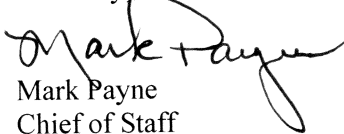
Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2015-241, Section 11.19.(a) requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, to report on the Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities. Status reports will be submitted on a quarterly basis until the final reporting period expires on November 15, 2017, in order to meet this legislative mandate. Pursuant to the provisions of law, I am pleased to submit the first legislative report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on November 15, 2015.

This is a multi-agency report with the stakeholders specified within the legislation. This first report provides background information; identifies the target populations; delineates the significance of the provisions, relative to national and state trends; and outlines the approach that the Division and stakeholders will take with regard to the implementation of the provision.

Please contact Courtney Cantrell, Ph.D., Director of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, should you have any questions regarding this report. Dr. Cantrell can be contacted at (919) 733-7011.

Sincerely,


Mark Payne
Chief of Staff

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cc:	Dale Armstrong	Brandon Greife	Patricia Porter
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	Matt McKillip	Joyce Jones	Susan Jacobs
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The Honorable Linda P. Johnson, Co-Chair
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The Honorable Jerry W. Tillman, Co-Chair
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Payne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent than the last name "Payne".

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