

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1304\***

Short Title:   Modify CABHA Certification Process. (Public)

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Sponsors:    Senators Nesbitt; and Atwater.

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Referred to:   Health Care.

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May 20, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL  
3 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND REPORT ON A PLAN FOR  
5 MODIFYING THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR CRITICAL ACCESS  
6 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT  
7 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH,  
8 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental  
11 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services shall develop a plan for  
12 modifying the current certification process for Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies  
13 (CABHAs) in a manner that will ensure new provider agencies are able to qualify for  
14 participation in the CABHA network. The Division shall submit a report of the modification  
15 plan to the Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities,  
16 and Substance Abuse Services and the Fiscal Research Division not later than October 1, 2010.

17       **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

