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SENATE BILL 196\*

Short Title: DHHS Workgroup on Mixed Populations ACH. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Malone, Dorsett, Swindell; Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Brunstetter, Davis, Foriest, Forrester, Goss, Hoyle, Jones, McKissick, Purcell, Queen, Stein, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Health Care.

February 18, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, AND THE DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TO ASSEMBLE A WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF MIXED POPULATIONS IN ADULT CARE HOMES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Division of Health Service Regulation, Division of Medical Assistance, and the Division of Aging and Adult Services in the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a workgroup to develop short-term and long-term strategies to address issues within adult care homes that provide residence to persons who are frail and elderly and to persons suffering from mental illness. The workgroup shall include adult care home specialists and long-term care ombudsmen. The Department shall report on the activities of the workgroup along with any recommendations to the Study Commission on Aging and the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on or before August 1, 2010.

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

