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Short Title: ACH & 122C Screening & Assessment Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Weiss, Earle, and Pierce (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT PREADMISSION SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, AND CARE PLAN DEVELOPMENT IN ADULT CARE HOMES AND FACILITIES LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 122C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, BASED ON RECOMMENDATION 4.1 FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE TASK FORCE ON THE COLOCATION OF DIFFERENT POPULATIONS IN ADULT CARE HOMES, AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) in recurring funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year, two hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$228,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to support implementation and use of standardized preadmission screening, resident assessment, and care plan development for adult care homes and facilities licensed under Chapter 122C of the General Statutes.

SECTION 1.(b) The Department shall require the use of a preadmission screening tool which must provide information on the individual's diagnosis, assistance with activities of daily living, degree of supervision, and any conditions that could pose a threat to the health or safety of others. Individuals identified during the preadmission screening with a mental health problem, substance abuse disorder, cognitive impairment, or intellectual disability must receive a more thorough assessment by a trained mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability professional. The Department should develop time standards to ensure that admissions are not unreasonably delayed due to the screening process. This preadmission screening and assessment information shall be used by the facility and Local Management Entity (LME) to develop a person-centered care plan for each individual.

Within one year of the implementation of preadmission screening, the Department shall begin requiring screening, assessment, and care plan development for residents that were not screened and assessed prior to admission.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

