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SENATE BILL 333*

Short Title: Revise DD Waiting List Process. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Allran, Atwater, D. Berger, Blue, Dannelly, Forrester, Jenkins,
 Jones, Mansfield, Purcell, Robinson, and White.

Referred to: Mental Health & Youth Services.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
3 STUDY AND REPORT ON A REVISED PROCESS FOR COLLECTING DATA TO
4 DEVELOP A WAITING LIST OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR
5 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT
6 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH,
7 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** By September 1, 2011, the Department of Health and Human
10 Services (Department) shall study and submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight
11 Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on a
12 revised process for collecting data to develop a waiting list of persons with intellectual or
13 developmental disabilities who are waiting for specific services. The revised process shall
14 ensure all of the following:

- 15 (1) A simple, nonduplicated count of children and adults with intellectual or
16 developmental disabilities across the State who are waiting for federally and
17 State-funded services.
18 (2) A research-based waiting list supported by data that accurately reflects the
19 number of individuals waiting for categories of services currently available
20 in this State.
21 (3) Data showing the number of individuals who are potentially eligible to
22 receive services under the CAP-MR/DD Waiver.

23 **SECTION 1.(b)** Beginning September 30, 2012, and annually thereafter, the
24 Department shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental
25 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on the waiting list data
26 collected from each local management entity. The report shall include (i) an analysis of any
27 service gaps revealed by the data, broken down by geographic location, age, and disability and
28 (ii) plans to address these service gaps.

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

