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SENATE BILL 578

Short Title: LME Minimum Population. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

Referred to: Mental Health & Youth Services.

April 14, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM POPULATION THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL
3 MANAGEMENT ENTITIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 122C-115(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 122C-115. Duties of counties; appropriation and allocation of funds by counties and**
7 **cities.**

8 (a) A county shall provide mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance
9 abuse services through an area authority or through a county program established pursuant to
10 G.S. 122C-115.1. The catchment area of an area authority or a county program shall contain
11 either a minimum population of at least ~~200,000 or a minimum of six counties~~ 300,000. To the
12 extent this section conflicts with G.S. 153A-77(a), the provisions of G.S. 153A-77(a) control."

13 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 122C-115(a) reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 122C-115. Duties of counties; appropriation and allocation of funds by counties and**
15 **cities.**

16 (a) A county shall provide mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance
17 abuse services through an area authority or through a county program established pursuant to
18 G.S. 122C-115.1. The catchment area of an area authority or a county program shall contain
19 either a minimum population of at least ~~200,000 or a minimum of six counties~~ 500,000. To the
20 extent this section conflicts with G.S. 153A-77(a), the provisions of G.S. 153A-77(a) control."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1(a) becomes
22 effective July 1, 2012, and expires July 1, 2013. Section 1(b) becomes effective July 1, 2013.

