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HOUSE BILL 439

Short Title: Reduce TASC Caseloads/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Grange and Dobson (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, Health and Human Services, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 25, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO REDUCE THE CASELOAD SIZES OF CARE MANAGERS ASSIGNED TO THE TREATMENT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide funding to reduce the caseload sizes of care managers assigned to the Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) program consistent with the recommendations of the National Association of Social Workers and the American Probation and Parole Association. To that end, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), the sum of four million thirty thousand dollars (\$4,030,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of four million thirty thousand dollars (\$4,030,000) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. DMH/DD/SAS shall not use these funds for any purpose other than to (i) increase the number of care managers dedicated to the TASC program in order to reduce caseload sizes to 50 offender-clients per care manager and (ii) provide clinical supervision, oversight, and training for TASC care managers.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.



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