



## NC Association of Rehabilitation Facilities

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### **Senate Vote on Budget**

The Senate gave near unanimous support Wednesday to a \$20 billion budget proposal, voting to tentatively approve a spending plan that provides 4 percent pay raises for most state employees, ends two temporary sales and income taxes first adopted in 2001, and includes \$1.2 billion in borrowing for construction at public universities and prisons. Many Republicans took the rare step of signing on to the budget bill because of the tax relief, which includes a cap on the state gas tax, as well as provisions to better catch Medicaid fraud and provide more scrutiny to nonprofits that receive state funds. "I find myself in the unusual position of speaking in favor of this budget," said Senate Minority Leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham. "There is a big difference in this budget as far as I'm concerned, and I'm going to urge people to vote for it."

The Senate budget is quite a bit different from the House budget. Conferees from the House and Senate will be appointed by the leadership. The Conferees will work on hammering out the differences between the two budgets. This process is anticipated to take at least three to four weeks.

### **Supported Employment Funded**

Both the House and the Senate have appropriated \$2.5 million for supported employment for individuals with mh/dd/sa. This part of the budget does need a technical correction to insure that the funds are for SE-Long-Term Support. We will continue to work on getting that correction made.

### **VR Funding**

The House and Senate Budgets both require DVR to use \$1 million in federal funds to replace state dollars. This should be considered a cost shift and a cut in state funds

The House appropriated over \$300,000 for Assistive Technology and \$500,000 for Independent Living Rehab Program. The Senate did not put any money in for either of these programs.

### **Other Bills**

There are still a host of other bills that the NCARF is tracking. Some of these bill as now in the budget and this noted next to the title. Other bills met the crossover deadline, meaning they passed one of the chambers, and will now be considered by the other chamber. There are a few bills that we have listed that did not meet crossover, but we don't want to write them off yet because all that has to be done is attach money or a fee to the bill and it is alive.

Below is the list of bills for MH/DD/SA services that I am tracking.

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Bill: **HB199**

Sponsors: Clary (R110); Earle (D101); Weiss (D35); Bordsen (D63)

Title: FUNDS FOR HOUSING OPTIONS FOR MENTALLY ILL

Summary An Act to Appropriate Funds to Increase Availability of Housing Options for : North Carolinians with Disabilities, as Recommended by the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging.

Cospons: Adams (D58); Alexander (D106); Cunningham (D107); Insko (D56); Hill (D20); Luebke (D30); McAllister (D43); Saunders (D99); Cole (D65); Jeffus (D59); Wainwright (D12); Womble (D71); Haire (D119); McLawhorn (D9); Warren, E. (D8); Lucas, M. (D42); Bell (D21); Glazier (D45); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); England (D112); Williams (D6); Fisher (D114); Underhill (D3); Pierce (D48); Faison (D50); Harrison (D57); Coleman (D39); Love (D51); Hall, L. (D29); Mobley (D5)

Subjects: Appropriations; Family & Juveniles; Health & Medical Practice; State Affairs

Related: 2007:SB51

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 02/15/2007 – House Committee On Mental Health Reform

History: 02/15/2007 – H Passed 1st Reading.

02/15/2007 – H Referred To House Committee On Mental Health Reform and, if favorable, To Com on Appropriations.

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Bill: **HB201**

**Budget**

Sponsors: Earle (D101); Weiss (D35); Bordsen (D63); England (D112)

Title: SPECIAL CARE POP. DENTISTRY FUNDS AND STUDY

Summary An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Health and Human : Services, Division of Public Health, for the Purchase of an Additional Mobile Dental Unit, and to Require the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to Study the Dedication of One or More Dental Scholarshiploan Program Slots to Dentists Serving Special Care Populations, as Recommended by the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging.

Cospons: Clary (R110); Adams (D58); Alexander (D106); Cunningham (D107); Hill (D20); Luebke (D30); McAllister (D43); Saunders (D99); Cole (D65); Jeffus (D59); Wainwright (D12); Haire (D119); McLawhorn (D9); Warren, E. (D8); Lucas, M. (D42); Bell (D21); Glazier (D45); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Williams (D6); Fisher (D114); Underhill (D3); Wray (D27); Pierce (D48);

Faison (D50); Harrison (D57); Current (R109); Coleman (D39); Love (D51);  
Spear (D2); Mobley (D5)

Subjects: Appropriations; Interim Studies; State Affairs; Welfare

Related: 2007:SB52

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

History: 03/15/2007 – H Reported favorably by committee substitute.

03/15/2007 – H Re-referred To House Committee On Appropriations.

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Bill: **HB424**

Sponsors: Clary (R110); Moore (R111); Farmer-Butterfield (D24)

Title: STUDY RESPITE CARE

Summary: An Act to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Study  
Respite Care and to Recommend Ways to Improve the Current Respite Care  
Delivery System.

Cospons: England (D112); Rapp (D118); Faison (D50)

Subjects: Health & Medical Practice; Interim Studies

Progress: Session Law

Status: 05/11/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

History: 05/11/2007 – G Signed by the Governor 5/11/2007.

05/11/2007 – R Chaptered Session Law 2007-39.

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Bill: **HB625** **Budget**

Sponsors: Insko (D56)

Title: AMEND MH/DD/SA STATUTES/RENAME FACILITIES.-AB

Summary: An Act to Rename Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance  
Abuse Services Facilities, and to Make Other Conforming and Statutory  
Changes.

Cospons: Adams (D58); Alexander (D106)

Subjects: Family & Juveniles; Health & Medical Practice; State Affairs

Related: 2007:SB918

Progress: 2nd Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/23/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

History: 05/23/2007 – S Received From House.

05/23/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Health Care.

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Bill: **HB627**

Sponsors: Insko (D56)

Title: EXTEND PILOT/CLARIFY LME FUNCTIONS/LME ADMIN

Summary: An Act to Extend the First Commitment Pilot Program, to Further Clarify Lme

: Core Functions, and to Allow Additional Time for an Lme to Merge When It Has Gone Below the Two Hundred Thousand Population or Six County Threshold Due to a Change in County Membership as Recommended by the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services; and to Allow Area Authorities with Eight or More Counties to Have Up to Thirty Members on the Board.

Cospons: Adams (D58); Alexander (D106); Luebke (D30); Weiss (D35); Glazier (D45); Harrison (D57)

Subjects: County Affairs; Family & Juveniles; Health & Medical Practice

Related: 2007:SB1262

Progress: 2nd Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/22/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

History: 05/22/2007 – S Received From House.

05/22/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Health Care.

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Bill: **HB628**

Sponsors: Insko (D56)

Title: UNIFORM SLIDING FEES - MH/DD/SA SERVICES

Summary: An Act to Create a Uniform Sliding Fee Schedule for Mh/dd/sa Services as Recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

Cospons: Alexander (D106); Earle (D101); Luebke (D30); Weiss (D35); Harrison (D57); Brown, L. (R73)

Subjects: Family & Juveniles; Health & Medical Practice

Related: 2007:SB1265

Progress: 2nd Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/23/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

History: 04/23/2007 – S Received From House.

04/23/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Health Care.

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Bill: **HB691**

**Budget**

Sponsors: Insko (D56)

Title: BUILD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE - MH/DD/SA

Summary An Act to Build Community Infrastructure for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and to Appropriate Funds as Recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

Cospons: Alexander (D106); Weiss (D35); Glazier (D45); England (D112); Justice (R16); Harrison (D57)

Subjects: Health & Medical Practice; Appropriations; State Affairs

Related: 2007:SB1266

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee  
Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Mental Health Reform  
History: 03/15/2007 – H Passed 1st Reading.  
03/15/2007 – H Referred To House Committee On Mental Health Reform and,  
if favorable, To Com on Appropriations.

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Bill: **HB934**

Sponsors: Insko (D56); Parmon (D72)

Title: FUNDS TO EXPAND MH/DD/SA SYSTEM

Summary An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Health and Human  
: Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
Substance Abuse Services, for Expansion of Services and Support for Persons  
with Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases, as  
Recommended by Coalition 2001.

Cospons: Alexander (D106); Earle (D101); Luebke (D30); Wainwright (D12); Womble  
(D71); McLawhorn (D9); Glazier (D45); Lewis (R53); Faison (D50); Harrison  
(D57); Goodwin (D66); Tarleton (D93)

Subjects: Appropriations; County Affairs; Family & Juveniles; Health & Medical  
Practice; Welfare

Related: 2007:SB1236

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/21/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

History: 03/21/2007 – H Passed 1st Reading.

03/21/2007 – H Referred To House Committee On Appropriations.

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Bill: **HB973**

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Insko (D56); Wainwright (D12); Holliman (D81)

Title: MENTAL HEALTH EQUITABLE COVERAGE

Summary An Act to Require Equity in Health Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness.

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Cospons: Church (D86); Adams (D58); Cunningham (D107); Crawford (D32); Earle  
(D101); Tolson (D23); Luebke (D30); Jeffus (D59); Womble (D71); Gibson  
(D69); McLawhorn (D9); Warren, E. (D8); Weiss (D35); Lucas, M. (D42);  
Ross (D38); Glazier (D45); Carney (D102); Goforth (D115); Farmer-  
Butterfield (D24); Jones, Earl (D60); Parmon (D72); Fisher (D114); Wray  
(D27); Wilkins (D55); Harrison (D57); Goodwin (D66); Coleman (D39); Blue  
(D33); Tarleton (D93); Hall, L. (D29); Mobley (D5)

Subjects: Family & Juveniles; Health & Medical Practice

Progress: 2nd Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/24/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

History: 05/24/2007 – S Received From House.

05/24/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Health Care.

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Bill: **HB1435**

Sponsors: Earle (D101); Insko (D56); Barnhart (R82); England (D112)

Title: FUNDS FOR RESPITE SERVICES

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for Respite Services for Individuals in the Developmental Disability and Mentally Ill Target Populations.

Cospons: Luebke (D30); Wainwright (D12); Glazier (D45); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Fisher (D114); Martin (D34); Faison (D50); Harrison (D57); Cotham (D100)

Subjects: Appropriations; Family & Juveniles; Health & Medical Practice; Welfare

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/16/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

History: 04/16/2007 – H Passed 1st Reading.

04/16/2007 – H Referred To House Committee On Appropriations.

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Bill: **HB1654**

Sponsors: Insko (D56)

Title: CLARIFY MH/DD/SA RULE MAKING AUTHORITY

Summary: An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services Rule-Making Authority.

Cospons: Glazier (D45); Harrison (D57)

Subjects: Health & Medical Practice; Civil Matters & Courts

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/23/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

History: 05/23/2007 – H Amendment Adopted 1.

05/23/2007 – H Withdrawn from the Calendar.

05/23/2007 – H Re-referred To House Committee On Appropriations.

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Bill: **HB1784**

Sponsors: Insko (D56)

Title: IMPROVE MH/DD/SA QUALITY CONTROL - LMES

Summary: An Act to Improve the Quality and Accessibility of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

Cospons: Glazier (D45); Faison (D50); Harrison (D57); Brown, L. (R73)

Subjects: Health & Medical Practice

Progress: 2nd Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 05/16/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

History: 05/16/2007 – S Received From House.

05/16/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Health Care.

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Bill: **SB1188**  
Sponsors: Shaw (D21)  
Title: CAP-MR/DD WAIVER CHANGE  
Summary: An Act to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, to  
Allow Payments for Personal Care Services to Certain Guardians and Family  
Members.  
Subjects: State Affairs; Health & Medical Practice; Family & Juveniles  
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee  
Status: 03/22/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
History: 03/22/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base  
Budget.

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Bill: **SB1191** **Budget Bill**  
Sponsors: Nesbitt (D49)  
Title: LMES HANDLE CASE MANAGEMENT  
Summary: An Act to Make Case Management an Administrative Function to be  
Implemented by Local Management Entities and to Appropriate Funds.  
Cospons: Atwater (D18)  
Subjects: Appropriations; Health & Medical Practice  
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee  
Status: 03/22/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
History: 03/22/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base  
Budget.

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Bill: **SB1266** **Budget Bill**  
Sponsors: Nesbitt (D49)  
Title: BUILD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE - MH/DD/SA  
Summary: An Act to Build Community Infrastructure for Mental Health, Developmental  
: Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and to Appropriate Funds as  
Recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental  
Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.  
Cospons: Allran (R42); Dannelly (D38); Forrester (R41); Purcell (D25); Atwater (D18);  
Cowell (D16)  
Subjects: Higher Education; Interim Studies; Appropriations  
Related: 2007:HB691  
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee  
Status: 03/26/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
History: 03/26/2007 – S Referred To Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base  
Budget.

