

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 326*

Short Title: Evaluate DD Residential Options for Children. (Public)

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

Referred to: Mental Health & Youth Services.

March 14, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EVALUATE AND REPORT ON RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OPTIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall conduct a comprehensive review of current congregate residential placements for children from birth to six years of age who have a developmental delay, intellectual disability, or developmental disability. The review shall include beds transferred from State developmental centers to private intermediate care facilities for individuals with mental retardation. By September 1, 2011, the Division shall submit a report of its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. The report shall include an overview of all services available for this population of children (i) through age six and (ii) after age six.

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



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