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SENATE BILL 331*

Short Title: Evaluate Efficacy of CABHA Model. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Allran, Atwater, D. Berger, Blue, Dannelly, Forrester, 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 SEMIANNUALLY ON THE EFFICACY OF THE CRITICAL ACCESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCY MODEL, 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.(a) By July 1, 2011, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services of the Department of Health and Human Services (Division) shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on the criteria and processes used by the Division to evaluate the fiscal, organizational, and programmatic efficacy of implementing the Critical Access Behavioral Health Agency (CABHA) category of provider agency.

SECTION 1.(b) Beginning October 1, 2011, and every six months thereafter, the Division shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services evaluating the fiscal, organizational, and programmatic efficacy of the CABHA category of provider agency using the criteria and processes identified by the Division in the report authorized by Section 1(a) of this act.

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

