

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 325\***

Short Title: Funds for Step-Down Unit for BART Program. (Public)

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

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Referred to: Mental Health & Youth Services.

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March 14, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO  
3 IDENTIFY AND REPORT ON FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
4 OF A STEP-DOWN UNIT FOR THE BEHAVIORALLY ADVANCED RESIDENTIAL  
5 TREATMENT PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
6 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL  
7 DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental  
10 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (Division), in consultation  
11 with the leadership and advisory committee of the Murdoch Developmental Center, shall  
12 identify funding sources available to establish a unit providing step-down services from the  
13 Behaviorally Advanced Residential Treatment (BART) Program. By October 1, 2011, and  
14 quarterly thereafter until a BART step-down unit is established, the Division shall report to the  
15 Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance  
16 Abuse Services on the progress toward identifying funding for, and establishing, the step-down  
17 unit.

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

