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SENATE BILL 465

Short Title: Behavioral Health Management. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

Referred to: Mental Health & Youth Services.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW AREA AUTHORITIES ORGANIZED UNDER CHAPTER 122C OF
3 THE GENERAL STATUTES THAT ARE OPERATING UNDER MEDICAID
4 MANAGED CARE WAIVERS TO ORGANIZE UNDER CHAPTER 131E OF THE
5 GENERAL STATUTES, THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES ACT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes, the
8 Hospital Authorities Act, is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 "**§ 131E-35. Organization under this Part by area authorities operating under Medicaid**
10 **waivers.**

11 A behavioral health authority may be created under the provisions of this Part whenever a
12 county board of commissioners finds and adopts a resolution finding that it is in the interest of
13 the public health and welfare to create a behavioral health authority in order to operate a
14 behavioral health program under a Medicaid 1915 (b)/(c) waiver program. A behavioral health
15 authority shall be created in the same manner as a hospital authority pursuant to this Part and
16 subject to the same provisions, except that G.S. 131E-20 does not apply to a behavioral health
17 authority."

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

