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HOUSE BILL 878

Short Title: Grant Funds for Supported Employment Training. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Dobson.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations

April 25, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT FIRST TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS ON THE PROVISION OF EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, OR BOTH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to provide a grant to the North Carolina Association of People Supporting Employment First (NCAPSE). NCAPSE shall use these funds exclusively to develop and implement training programs, including online training modules, on the provision of evidence-based supported employment services for individuals in targeted populations, in order to assist these individuals with preparation for, identification of, and maintenance of integrated, paid, competitive employment. The Department shall make these training programs available throughout the State to (i) employers that have hired or are willing to hire individuals in targeted populations, (ii) service providers of local management entities/managed care organizations, and (iii) any other entity the Department determines will benefit from receiving this training in order to achieve improved employment outcomes for individuals in targeted populations. For purposes of this section, "individuals in targeted populations" means individuals with serious mental illness who are in or at risk of entry to an adult care home and individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, or both.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.



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