

## **HOUSE BILL 323:** Retain Adult Devel. Voc. Rehab. Programs.

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Rules and Operations of the Senate

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 323 would prohibit DHHS from reducing the number of Adult Developmental and Vocational Programs (ADVP) and Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP), or the number of individuals in those programs without consulting stakeholders and or appropriately reviewing current services.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 323 would prevent DHHS from enacting a policy that reduces or eliminates services provided by ADVPs or CRPs without seeking stakeholder notification and input and appropriately funding a robust array of services that reflect choice. DHHS would not be able to reduce the number of individuals admitted to the programs until current services are adequately reviewed and new services approved. The North Carolina Congressional delegation would be encouraged to review the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to assess for any negative impact on the citizens of North Carolina.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** Adult Developmental and Vocational Programs are state-funded day programs for adults with intellectual disabilities. They provide activities designed to help the individuals to live and work as independently as possible. Community Rehabilitation Programs offer a range of employment-related and support services to individuals with special needs.

