

March 4, 1999

H 262. ENHANCE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES PERTAINING TO CUSTODY OF ABUSED, NEGLECTED, OR DEPENDENT JUVENILES IN THE CUSTODY OR AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

(1) Amends GS 7B-101(3) (which section is not yet effective) to add to the definition of "caretaker" employees or volunteers of a division, institution, or school operated by the Dep't of Health and Human Services. (2) Amends GS 7B-302 (which section is not yet effective, but which concerns the responsibility of the director of social services with respect to other juveniles living in a home where there has been a juvenile's death as a result of suspected maltreatment or a report of suspected abuse, neglect, or dependency) to specify that the director of social services must, when such report arises from a residential child care facility or residential educational facility, ascertain whether other juveniles remain in the facility subject to the alleged perpetrator's care, and, if so, assess their circumstances to determine if removal is necessary. (3) Amends GS 108A-49 to set minimum payments county departments of social services must pay for certain eligible children in foster care and for adoption assistance payments (the minimum being the monthly graduated foster care and adoption assistance payments as set by the General Assembly), and to specify that county departments may make payments in excess of the minimum. (4) Amends GS 143B-150.20 to provide that the findings of the State Child Fatality Review Team following a child's death are not to be introduced into evidence in any legal or administrative proceeding. (5) Adds new Article 39 ("Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance") to GS Ch. 7B (which is not yet effective). Authorizes the Sec'y of Dep't of Health and Human Services to enter into interstate agreements with agencies of other states for the protection of children on behalf of whom adoption assistance is being provided by the Dep't and to provide procedures for interstate adoption assistance payments, including payments for medical services. Interstate compact provision is effective Oct. 1, 1999; remainder on ratification

Intro. by Culpepper.

Ref. to Ch. & Hum. Res.

GS 7B, 108A, 143B

April 7, 1999

H 262. ENHANCE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Intro. 3/4/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Provides that State Child Fatality Review Team findings and recommendations regarding child fatalities are not admissible as evidence in any civil or administrative proceedings against individuals or entities that participate in child fatality reviews conducted pursuant to GS 143B-150.20.

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H 262. ENHANCE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Intro. 03/04/99. Senate committee substitute makes no substantive changes to 2nd edition.