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S 1230. TEMP. CUSTODY-HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. TO ALLOW MEDICAL DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL TO TAKE A JUVENILE SUSPECTED OF BEING ABUSED OR NEGLECTED INTO TEMPORARY CUSTODY.

Amends GS 7B-500 to provide that a juvenile may be taken into temporary custody without court order by physician or administrator of health care facility to which juvenile is brought for medical diagnosis or treatment when physician who examines juvenile certifies in writing that juvenile is suspected of being abused or neglected and should remain for medical treatment or that, according to juvenile's medical evaluation, it is unsafe for juvenile to return to juvenile's parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker. When taking a juvenile into temporary custody, physician or administrator must immediately notify director of dep't of social services of the county in which medical facility is located. Amends GS 7B-501 to provide that (1) if court determines that juvenile is found in county other than county of legal residence, juvenile may be transferred to custody of dep't of social services of county where juvenile resides; and (2) if court determines that medical treatment rendered during period of temporary custody was necessary and appropriate, cost of that treatment may be charged to parents, guardian, custodian, or caretaker, or, if parents are unable to pay, to county of residence under GS 7B-903 and 7B-904. Adds new GS 7B-101(21) to define "temporary custody" as taking physical custody of juvenile and providing or arranging for personal care and supervision of that juvenile until court order for nonsecure custody can be obtained. Effective Oct. 1, 2000.

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