

February 17, 2005

H 277. ESTABLISH CHILD ASSESSMENT RESPONSES. TO PROVIDE FOR FAMILY ASSESSMENT RESPONSES IN CASES IN WHICH CHILDREN ARE REPORTED TO BE NEGLECTED OR DEPENDENT AND FOR INVESTIGATIVE ASSESSMENT RESPONSES IN CASES IN WHICH CHILDREN ARE REPORTED TO BE ABUSED. Amends GS 7B-101 to define two new terms. "Family assessment response" is a response to reports of child neglect and dependency using a family-centered approach that is protection and prevention oriented. "Investigative assessment response" is a response to reports of child abuse and selected reports of child neglect and dependency using a formal information-gathering process to determine whether a juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent. Amends GS 7B-300 to provide that protective services established by each county director of social services shall include reports and assessments using either a family assessment response or an investigative assessment response. Amends GS 7B-302(a) to provide that an assessment by a director of social services of alleged abuse, neglect, or dependency shall include an inquiry into the identity of and contact information for the juvenile's extended maternal and paternal family, except when a report involves a child care facility as defined in GS Ch. 110, art. 7. Amends GS 7B-303(a) to provide that when a director of social services files a petition against a person obstructing an assessment, the petition shall describe the basis for the director's belief that a juvenile may be abused, neglected, or dependent. Makes conforming and technical amendments to other sections of GS Ch. 7B and 108A. Effective Oct. 1, 2005.

Intro. by Glazier, Alexander.

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GS 7B, 108A

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H 277. ESTABLISH CHILD ASSESSMENT RESPONSES. Intro. 2/17/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds to definitions of "family assessment response" and "investigative assessment response" to clarify that they are responses to selected reports as determined by the Director. Deletes requirement in GS 7B-302(a) that director's assessment include an inquiry into the identity of and contact information of juvenile's extended family. Makes technical changes.

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SL 2005-55 (H 277). ESTABLISH CHILD ASSESSMENT RESPONSES. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FAMILY ASSESSMENT RESPONSES IN CASES IN WHICH CHILDREN ARE REPORTED TO BE NEGLECTED OR DEPENDENT AND FOR INVESTIGATIVE ASSESSMENT RESPONSES IN CASES IN WHICH CHILDREN ARE REPORTED TO BE ABUSED. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/17/05 and 3/30/05. Enacted May 23, 2005. Effective October 1, 2005.