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H 1257. FOSTER CARE TRANSITION PAYMENTS. Filed 3/29/07. *AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM TO RESERVE A DESIGNATED AMOUNT OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE STATE FOR A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THOSE BENEFITS UNDER THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO ASSIST THE CHILD IN TRANSITIONING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.*

Enacts new GS 108A-49.1 directing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop a system to reserve and disburse supplemental security income benefits received by the state for children at least 16 years old, but younger than 18 years old, who are eligible to receive supplemental security income benefits under the federal Social Security Act and are residing in licensed foster care homes. DHHS must reserve an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for each eligible child instead of reimbursing the state for the child's care and maintenance. The sum reserved for the child must be paid to the child upon the child's departure from the foster care system to assist the child in transitioning out of the system. Directs the Social Services Commission to adopt rules and requires DHHS to develop the reserve and disbursement system on or before July 1, 2008.

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