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S 671. ESTABLISH POLICY/SMOKING/FOSTER CARE. Filed 3/18/09. REQUIRING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP POLICIES ON HOW TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FOSTER PARENTS WHO SMOKE.

Requires the Division of Child Development (Division) of the Department of Health and Human Services to direct that each county department of social services establish a policy regarding how the county department will

address the issue of placing a child with a foster parent who smokes. Requires each county department to submit a copy of the policy to the Division within one year of the effective date of this act. Provides that "smoke" has the same meaning as in GS 143-596(5). Intro. by Purcell. UNCODIFIED