

March 26, 2009

**S 969. AMEND PURPOSE/CHILD PLACING/CHILD CARE LAWS.** Filed 3/25/09. *AMENDING THE POLICY OF NORTH CAROLINA REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S WELFARE UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO CHILD PLACING AND CARE.*

Amends GS 131D-10.1, stating the purpose of a child placement law, to specify that at times a child's welfare may outweigh reunifying family and that care of a child in a primarily educational institution or residential programs may meet the standard of protecting a child's welfare, regardless of the child's age, especially when siblings can be kept together. Requires the Division of Social Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to revise its rules to reflect this policy change.

**Intro. by Queen.**

GS 131D

May 6, 2009

**S 969. AMEND PURPOSE/CHILD PLACING/CHILD CARE LAWS.** Filed 3/25/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies the language in GS 131D-10.1 identifying the types of residential facilities that a child may be placed in as a means of satisfying the standard of protecting a child's welfare when protecting a child's welfare outweighs reuniting the family unit. Requires that the residential care facilities provide high quality services that include meeting the children's educational needs as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services. Makes technical changes.

August 5, 2009

**SL 2009-408 (S 969). AMEND PURPOSE/CHILD PLACING/CHILD CARE LAWS. AN ACT AMENDING THE POLICY OF NORTH CAROLINA REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S WELFARE UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO CHILD PLACING AND CARE.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/26/09 and 5/6/09. Enacted August 5, 2009. Effective August 5, 2009.