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HOUSE BILL DRH40360-LU-110 (03/23)

Short Title: Clarify Objective/Child Protective Services. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dobson, Bert Jones, Murphy, and Earle (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE OBJECTIVE OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND  
3 WHAT CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ENCOMPASSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 7B-300 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 7B-300. Protective services.

7 (a) The director of the department of social services in each county of the State shall  
8 establish protective services for juveniles alleged to be abused, neglected, or dependent. The  
9 primary objective of protective services is to protect juveniles and provide for the safety and  
10 well-being of juveniles.

11 (b) Protective services shall include each of the screening following:

12 (1) Screening of reports, the reports in accordance with instructions provided by  
13 the Department.

14 (2) The performance of an assessment using either a family assessment response  
15 or an investigative assessment response, casework, or other counseling  
16 response.

17 (3) Casework.

18 (4) Counseling services to juveniles, parents, guardians, or other caretakers as  
19 provided by the director to help the parents, guardians, or other caretakers  
20 and the court (i) to prevent abuse or neglect, (ii) to improve the quality of  
21 child care, (iii) to be more adequate make more suitable decisions as parents,  
22 guardians, or caretakers, and (iv) to better meet the needs of juveniles, (v) to  
23 preserve and stabilize family life-life, and (vi) to sustain the long-term care  
24 and safety of juveniles."

25 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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