GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 612, “AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO REVIEW POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND OTHER INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF BOARDS TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; AND UPDATE THE PROCESS FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF RULES.”

House Bill 612 limits the ability of the Department of Health and Human Services to implement, adapt to and oversee programs of public assistance and child welfare which are regulated and driven by federal law, thereby jeopardizing the health, safety and well-being of our most vulnerable populations. Additionally, this is an overreach of legislative authority to effectively nullify executive branch policy and rulemaking which is unconstitutional.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

[Signature]
Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 2nd day of July 2020, at 1:40 pm for reconsideration by that body.
SECTION 8. Sections 6 and 7 of this act become effective January 1, 2021. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 2020.

Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved _________m. this ___________ day of ________________, 2020