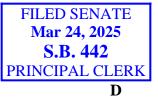
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SENATE BILL DRS35180-NB-2A

	Short Title:	Parents Protection Act.	(Public)	
	Sponsors:	Senators Burgin, Galey, and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors	5).	
	Referred to:			
1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
2 3) MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFEC ES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.	JTING THE CARE OF	
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
5		CCTION 1.(a) The title of Article 1 of Subchapter I of C	Chapter 7B of the General	
6	Statutes reads as rewritten:			
7		"Article 1.		
8		"Purposes; Definitions.Definitions; Limitation		
9	SE	CCTION 1.(b) Article 1 of Subchapter I of Chapter 7B		
10		dding a new section to read:		
11	" <u>§ 7B-102. L</u>	0		
12		guardian, custodian, or caretaker who raises a juvenile cor	nsistent with the juvenile's	
13		, or who refers to a juvenile consistent with the juvenile'		
14	be subject to a	a petition supporting abuse or neglect under this Subchar	pter based solely on those	
15	acts. This sec	ction shall not be construed to authorize or allow any	other acts or omissions	
16	prohibited by	this Subchapter that would constitute abuse or neglect, i	ncluding abandonment or	
17	the creation of an injurious environment."			
18	SE	CCTION 1.(c) G.S. 48-3-203 reads as rewritten:		
19	"§ 48-3-203.	Agency placement adoption.		
20	(a) An	agency may acquire legal and physical custody of a mino	or for purposes of adoptive	
21	placement onl	y by means of a relinquishment pursuant to Part 7 of this .	Article or by a court order	
22	terminating th	e rights and duties of a parent or guardian of the minor.		
23	(a1) No	agency shall deny or delay (i) the opportunity to become	e an adoptive parent or (ii)	
24	the placement	of a child for adoption on the basis of race, any of the fo	<u>ollowing:</u>	
25	<u>(1)</u>	<u>Race, color, or national origin of the person or the c</u>	hild involved.	
26	<u>(2)</u>		k of support to enable the	
27		child to engage in a gender transition.		
28	"			
29	SE	CCTION 1.(d) G.S. 131D-10.1 reads as rewritten:		
30		. Foster Care Children's Bill of Rights; purpose.		
31	• •	is the policy of this State to strengthen and preserve the f	•	
32	with a high priority of protecting children's welfare. When a child requires care outside the family			
33		unit, it is the duty of the State to assure that the quality of substitute care is as close as possible		
34	to the care and nurturing that society expects of a family. However, the State recognizes there			
35	are instances when protecting a child's welfare outweighs reunifying the family unit, and as such,			
36	the care of re	sidential care facilities providing high quality services	that include meeting the	



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Division of Soci the child's age, p	tional needs as determined by the Department of Health a al Services can satisfy the standard of protecting a child's v particularly when the sibling groups can be kept intact. To potes the following in the provision of foster care:	welfare, regardless of
(1)	A safe foster home free of violence, abuse, neglect, and raising a child in a manner consistent with the child's biol any related mental health or medical decisions, shall	logical sex, including
	violation under this subdivision of violence, abuse, negled terms are used in this subdivision.	
	ubdivisions (1) through (11) of this subsection shall not be under this section against the State, the Department of	
· •	rson or entity providing foster care pursuant to this Article. gency or other State entity shall deny or delay (i) the oppo	
	(ii) the placement of a child in foster care on the basis	-
(1) (2)	<u>Race</u> , color, or national origin of the person or the child <u>The adoptive parents' refusal</u> , unwillingness, or lack of schild to engage in a gender transition.	
well-being of ch	purpose of this Article is to assign the authority to protect t ildren separated from or being cared for away from their fa TION 1.(e) This section becomes effective December 1,	amilies."
petitions filed or	n or after that date. TION 2.(a) G.S. 14-318.2 reads as rewritten:	,rr
	nild abuse a misdemeanor.	
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	parent of a child less than 16 years of age, or any other personant of the child, is not guilty of a violation of this section for rais	
-	biological sex, including referring to a child consistent with	-
	related mental health or medical decisions based on the c	
	subsection shall be construed to authorize or allow any oth	
that would cons	titute a violation under this section, including the infliction	n of serious physical
	ation of a substantial risk of physical injury."	
	TION 2.(b) G.S. 14-318.4 reads as rewritten:	
"§ 14-318.4. Cl	nild abuse a felony.	
 (a1) Any	normant of a shild loss than 16 years of any or any other norm	aan maayidina aana ta
	parent of a child less than 16 years of age, or any other personant of the child, is not guilty of a violation of this section for rais	
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with the child's biological sex, including referring to a child consistent with the child's biological sex, and making related mental health or medical decisions based on the child's biological sex.		
Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize or allow any other acts or omissions		
that would constitute a violation under this section, including the infliction of serious bodily		
injury or serious physical injury.		
• •	following definitions apply in this section:	
(1)	Serious bodily injury Bodily injury that creates a sub	
	or that causes serious permanent disfigurement, con	
	protracted condition that causes extreme pain, or perman	1
	or impairment of the function of any bodily member or	organ, or that results
	in prolonged hospitalization.	
(2)	Serious physical injury. – Physical injury that causes great The term includes serious mental injury. For purposes of	
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1	parent raising a child consistent with the child's biological se	ex does not
2	constitute serious mental injury."	
3	SECTION 2.(c) This section becomes effective December 1, 2025, an	d applies to
4	offenses committed on or after that date.	
5	SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective I	December 1,
6	2025.	