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The Honorable Marilyn Avila, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly 2217 Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601

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## Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2016-94, Section 12C.1.(a), requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (DSS), to submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services a report on the implementation and outcomes of the Program Improvement Plan. DSS shall implement the requirements of the federal Program Improvement Plan to bring our state into compliance with national standards for child welfare policy and practices. This report is due no later than February 1 and August 1 of each year. Pursuant to the provisions of law, I am pleased to submit the attached report.

Please direct all questions concerning this report to Wayne Black, Director of the Division of Social Services, at 919-527-6335 or Wayne.Black@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,
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Deputy Secretary for Human Services

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