

## 2021-LEGISLATIVE IMPACTING NCACDSS

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ALL=means all Committees should review the legislation  
 CS= Children Svcs  
 AS= Adult Svcs  
 ES=Economic Svcs  
 PPC=Personnel & Professional Capacity  
 AC=Advocacy Comm

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<b>CHILD WELFARE RELATED BILLS</b>						
H473	<a href="#"><u>REVISE LAWS/SAFE SURRENDER/INFANTS.</u></a>	Filed (House action)	Mar 31 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	CS	<b>4/1:</b> The safe surrender changes have been something that the Child Fatality Task Force has been working on for several years and was done with consultation from the SOG.
S356	<a href="#"><u>PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE/FUNDS.</u></a>	Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 31 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	FYI	Same as HB 108
H295	<a href="#"><u>DSS REVIEW OF PROCEDURES/OAH.</u></a>	Re-ref Com On Families, Children, and Aging Policy (House action)	Mar 30 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	FYI	MONITOR
H261	<a href="#"><u>RAISE MIN. AGE/JUVENILE JURISDICTION./S207</u></a>	Re-ref Com On Judiciary 2 (House action)	Mar 31 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	CS	<b>4/1:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition added a new section to Article 3, of Chapter 7B  GS 7B-308.1 to require a juvenile court counselor to report to the respective county director of the department of social services (director) any time the juvenile court counselor has cause to suspect that a juvenile is abused, neglected, or dependent in the course of the counselor's provision and

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coordination of multidisciplinary service referrals for juveniles under the age of 10 pursuant to the counselor's duties under GS 143B-831, as amended by the act.

**THIS IS ALREADY EXPECTED UNDER THE LAW – ALL CITIZENS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT SUSPECTED A/N/D GS 7B-301**

Requires the director to immediately begin an assessment and authorizes the director to initiate juvenile proceedings and other appropriate steps authorized under Subchapter

I (Abuse, Neglect and Dependency). Allows for the juvenile court counselor to ask the prosecutor to review a director's decision not to file a petition.

This is highly concerning. **“Requires** the director to immediately begin an assessment (Is this referring to an investigative assessment? Counties can’t immediately begin an I/A without first conducting a “screening” and the case could be screened out if it does not meet the statutory definition of A/N/D. “Authorizes the director to initiate juvenile proceedings, etc., etc. **COUNTIES ALREADY HAVE THAT AUTHORITY!** Any reporter also has the right to ask the DA to review the screening decision. This places a LOT Of burden on the local DSS Agency to “do the work” in my opinion of DJJ. How many court counselors would just make the call to DSS and expect us to implement and pay for services, etc. Counties are already meeting our statutory mandate to accept reports of abuse/neglect/dependency for ALL children and already

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						<p>file a petition and ask the court to intervene when deemed appropriate.</p> <p>Amends GS 7B-1700.1 to require a juvenile court counselor or any person who suspects a juvenile under the age of 10 who is receiving multidisciplinary services pursuant to GS 143B-831, as amended, is abused, neglected, or dependent, or has died as the result of maltreatment, to report to the appropriate county department of social services as required by GS 7B-308.1, as amended.</p> <p><b>ALREADY state law.</b></p> <p><b>SB 207 allows adds this new section</b></p>
S207	<a href="#">VARIOUS RAISE THE AGE CHANGES/JJAC RECS.</a>	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (House action)	Mar 31, 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	CS	See comments under HB 261
H205	<a href="#">ABUSE &amp; NEGLECT RESOURCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.</a>	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 29 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	CS	<p><b>3/11:</b> We understand that the school systems operate tip lines for children in trouble and other issues. We should work to ensure that we do not create competing systems.</p> <p><b>3/26:</b> Oppose. The language of this bill places children as self-reporters. Schools are not the experts on A/N. The issue of “sexual abuse” would, according to this bill need to be explained and education given to kids around this – who will take on the role of this in schools? Schools are not, by and large experts on these issues.</p>
S200	<a href="#">CPS INTAKE SCREENING/PED STUDY.</a>	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 9 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	CS	<b>3/19:</b> The bill should be reviewed for fiscal impact on counties
H132	<a href="#">JUVENILE CODE REV'S/CIP RECOMMENDATIONS.-AB</a>	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 29 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	CS	

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S113	<a href="#"><u>MODIFY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS APPEALS.</u></a>	Re-ref Com On Families, Children, and Aging Policy (House action)	Mar 30 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	CS	Need to better understand the change from the Supreme Court to Court of Appeals
H108	<a href="#"><u>PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE/FUNDS.</u></a>	Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (House action)	Feb 19 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	CS	MONITOR
S93	<a href="#"><u>ASSISTING NC FAMILIES IN CRISIS.</u></a>	Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget (Senate action)	Mar 9 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	ES	Per ES: the provision of the bill is certainly a needed resource to help us assist parents. The devil will be in the details of how policy determines what it looks like when parents are making appropriate efforts and when they are not, as well as who makes that decision and are their normal rights of appeal.
S88	<a href="#"><u>NC FAST CHILD WELFARE CASE MGMT./PED STUDY.</u></a>	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Feb 15 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	CS	

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<b>ECONOMIC SERVICES RELATED BILLS</b>						
H382	<a href="#">HOSPITAL ED CARE/MEDICAID BEHAV. HEALTH SER.</a>	Ref to the Com on Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (House action)	Mar 25 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	FYI	FYI/MONITOR
H470	<a href="#">MEDICAID EXPANSION.</a>	Filed (House action)	March 31 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	ALL	MONITOR
S87	<a href="#">MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT/CHARTER SCHOOLS.</a>	Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (House action)	Mar 2 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	ES	NO ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS TIME; WILL MONITOR
S86	<a href="#">MEDICAID RECS./CWBTC.</a>	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Feb 15 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	FYI	NO ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS TIME; WILL MONITOR
H29	<a href="#">VERIFICATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS - SAVE.</a>	Ref to the Com on Judiciary 3, if favorable, State Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (House action)	Feb 1 2021	<a href="#">Summ.</a>	ALL	It is my understanding that counties already use SAVE. The bill sponsor might have been misinformed. Much of the bill seems to be directed at licensing boards. Don't lose sight over #4 under Section 1, which includes Public Benefits.

## SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM LEGISLATION

H212	<a href="#"><u>SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM.</u></a>	Re-ref Com On Appropriations (House action)	Mar 31 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	ALL	<p><b>3/26-</b>The bill was heard in House Judiciary, please monitor. Pay close attention to Sec 1.2(d)(2), I was hoping they would have deleted it. We need to dust off our response regarding moving to a State administered regional system.</p> <p><b>3/19-</b> The bill is from the Social Services Working Group from several years ago. While some of the provision. There are areas to pay close attention to: conflict of interest, reinstating the working group as well as changes to the makeup of workgroup membership, regional supervision, <b>monitor language in Sec 1.2(d)2b.</b> that specifically state: Develop a vision for transitioning the State from a county-administered system to a regionally administered system. The vision shall identify general benefits and challenges associated with making such a transition. Additionally, the bill includes a study of publicly funded guardians.</p>
S90	<a href="#"><u>SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM/CWBTC RECS.</u></a>	Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 17 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	ALL	
S89	<a href="#"><u>REGIONAL SUPERVISION/REFORMS/CWBTC RECS.</u></a>	Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 17 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	ALL	

## COUNTY SPECIFIC BILLS

H405	<a href="#"><u>REORGANIZE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS 30/30A/30B.</u></a>	Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Redistricting, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (House action)	Mar 29 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	<b>3/26:</b> Counties impacted: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain
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## STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM RELATED BILLS

H479	<a href="#"><u>EXTENDED GROUP COVERAGE/EMPLOYEE DECEASED.</u></a>	Filed (House action)	Mar 31 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	FYI	
S457	<a href="#"><u>HEALTHY FAMILIES &amp;AMP WORKPLACES/PAID SICK DAYS.</u></a>	Filed (Senate action)	Apr 1 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	FYI	<a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S457v0.pdf">https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/Senate/PDF/S457v0.pdf</a>
S303	<a href="#"><u>RETIREMENT SERVICE PURCHASE REWRITE PART II.-AB (HB 160)</u></a>	Re-ref to Pensions and Retirement and Aging. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 25 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	FYI	FYI for counties employees under the State Personnel Act
S276	<a href="#"><u>RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES ACT OF 2021.-AB (HB 168)</u></a>	Re-ref to Pensions and Retirement and Aging. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 25 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	FYI	FYI for counties employees under the State Personnel Act
S275	<a href="#"><u>RETIREMENT SERVICE PURCHASE REWRITE PART II.-AB (HB 160)</u></a>	Re-ref to Pensions and Retirement and Aging. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate (Senate action)	Mar 25 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>		FYI for counties employees under the State Personnel Act
H122	<a href="#"><u>MILEAGE/PER DIEM/STATE EMPLOYEES/LEGISLATORS.</u></a>	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (House action)	Feb 23 2021	<a href="#"><u>Summ.</u></a>	ALL	SHARE WITH CNTY FISCAL OFFICER

**COVID BILLS**

H196 [2021 COVID-19 RESPONSE & RELIEF.](#) Ch. SL 2021-3 Mar 11 2021 [Summ.](#) FYI SESSION LAW