

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 777
HOUSE BILL 514

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SECURE MEDICAL, SURGICAL, PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND OTHER CARE OR TREATMENT FOR A JUVENILE IN THE CUSTODY OR PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-647(2)c. is amended by rewriting the last sentence to read:

"The Director may, unless otherwise ordered by the judge, arrange for, provide, or consent to, needed routine or emergency medical or surgical care or treatment. In the case where the parent is unknown, unavailable or unable to act on behalf of their child or children, the Director may, unless otherwise ordered by the judge, arrange for, provide or consent to any psychiatric, psychological, educational, or other remedial evaluations or treatment for the juvenile placed by a judge or his designee in the custody or physical custody of a county Department of Social Services under the authority of this or any other Chapter of the General Statutes. Prior to exercising this authority, the Director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain consent from a parent or guardian of the affected child. If the Director can not obtain such consent, the Director shall promptly notify the parent or guardian that care or treatment has been provided and shall give him frequent status reports on the circumstances of the child. Upon request of a parent or guardian of the affected child, the results or records of the aforementioned evaluations, findings or treatment shall be made available to such parent or guardian by the Director."

Sec. 2. G.S. 122C-3(20)ii is amended by inserting immediately after the word "authority" the words "by law or".

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification except that Section 2 of this act shall become effective January 1, 1986.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of July, 1985.