

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S. L. 1997-136
HOUSE BILL 456

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW REQUIRING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO
DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL
ABUSE DURING PREGNANCY WITH EACH MARRIAGE LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 161-11.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 161-11.1. Fees for Children's Trust Fund.

(a) Five dollars (\$5.00) of each fee collected by a register of deeds on or after October 1, 1983, for issuance of a marriage license pursuant to G.S. 161-10(a)(2) shall be forwarded, as soon as practical but no later than 60 days after collection by the register of deeds, to the county finance officer, who shall forward same to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Children's Trust Fund.

~~(b) The register of deeds shall distribute with each marriage license issued a pamphlet promoting the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome, cocaine exposure, and other potential harm to the fetus from drug and alcohol abuse by the mother. The pamphlet to be distributed shall be prepared and paid for by the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, which shall forward the requisite number of copies to the register of deeds of each county. The funds necessary to prepare and distribute this pamphlet shall not come from the Children's Trust Fund."~~

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of May, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 9:52 p.m. this 4th day of June, 1997