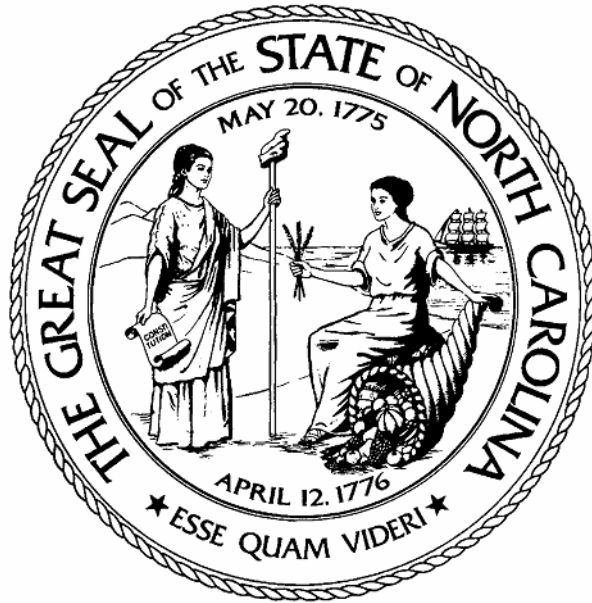


CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AGENCIES

SESSION LAW 2014-100, SECTION 12E.1.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

March 1, 2015

**Report to the North Carolina General Assembly
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
And
Fiscal Research Division**

**Children's Developmental Services Agencies
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Introduction

Session Law 2014-100, Section 12E.1:

- Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to explore all options to achieve the reduced amount of State funds appropriated for the Children's Developmental Services Agencies (CDSAs) program, and to eliminate 160 CDSA positions by June 30, 2015.
- Directs the Department to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division no later than March 1, 2015, identifying actions implemented by the Department to achieve this reduction.
- Requires the Department, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, to maintain the same eligibility requirements for the CDSA program that were in effect on June 30, 2013.

Department of Health and Human Services Report

- In Session Law 2013-360, item #31 in the Money Report, the DHHS Division of Public Health (DPH) was required to take an \$8,000,000 non-recurring reduction in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013-14 and a recurring reduction of \$10,000,000 in SFY 2014-15.
- In SFY13-14, the DPH took a non-recurring reduction totaling \$2,679,124 in the Early Intervention Program (CDSAs) operating expenses and a recurring reduction totaling \$5,320,876 while abolishing 76.80 positions. When certifying SFY 2014-15, the DPH certified a recurring reduction totaling \$4,679,124 and 83.20 positions, making the total reduction 160 positions and \$10,000,000 in the Early Intervention Program in the 2013-15 biennium. All abolished positions had been fully processed by Best Shared Services as of January 26, 2015.
- Eligibility requirements for the program have not been changed.
- The Department has engaged the assistance of a national technical assistance consultant for Early Intervention to look at how to more efficiently and effectively manage the Early Intervention program while maintaining quality outcomes for children and families. Discussions with the consultant are ongoing.