

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 134

Short Title: Child-Placement Alternatives/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue; Gulley and Allran.

Referred to: Juveniles/Prevention.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ALLOW MORE JUVENILES IN NEED
2 OF A STABLE AND DISCIPLINED UPBRINGING TO BE PLACED IN
3 FAMILY GROUP HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FACILITIES.
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5 Whereas, the General Assembly finds that troubled juveniles, whether
6 abused, dependent, neglected, undisciplined, or delinquent, are often deprived of a
7 stable home environment that provides for their emotional as well as physical needs and
8 suffer from a lack of self-esteem, stability, and self-discipline; and

9 Whereas, the General Assembly finds when these juveniles are removed from
10 their homes, single-home foster care placement often does not supply the self-esteem,
11 stability, and discipline these juveniles need; and

12 Whereas, the General Assembly finds that family group homes and
13 residential placement facilities are able to provide this self-esteem, stability, and
14 discipline both for short-term and long-term placements but that there are insufficient
15 places available in these homes and facilities for these troubled juveniles; and

16 Whereas, the General Assembly finds that many family group homes and
17 residential placement facilities provide family-centered services and treatment, which
18 take the juvenile's natural family into consideration as part of the services and treatment
19 equation and thus offer the possibility of positive change both for the juvenile's natural
20 family and the juvenile's natural environment; Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
23 of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of one million six hundred
24 eighty-one thousand four hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$1,681,489) for the 1994-95

1 fiscal year to provide 50 places for juveniles adjudicated undisciplined, or delinquent
2 pursuant to a court order.

3 (b) The Division of Social Services and district court judges hearing juvenile
4 cases are urged to consider placing juveniles in need of a stable and disciplined foster
5 care environment for either the short or the long term in family group homes or
6 residential placement facilities.

7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.