

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS85183-LU-78 (3/16)

Short Title: State of the Child Annual Report.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Atwater.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES AND PRIVATE, NONPROFIT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TARGETED AT CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) In an effort to determine how the State is performing with respect to the overall health, safety, and welfare of children, every State agency, private or nonprofit organization, or any other group, association, or organization that targets its services to children shall assist in compiling a detailed, comprehensive report of the services provided to children so that the General Assembly may take an integrated look at children based on the provision of these various services.

SECTION 1.(b) Each agency or organization, including the Department of Public Instruction and the various divisions within the Department of Health and Human Services, shall submit the data to the General Assembly. Each report shall include the following:

- (1) The number and types of services provided to children.
- (2) The purpose of each service provided.
- (3) Any statistical data, such as age, sex, race, or religion, relevant to the services provided.
- (4) The services provided to children as they relate to the various geographic regions in the State.
- (5) Information identifying any gaps or weaknesses in the provision of services.
- (6) Recommendations for improving services targeted to children.
- (7) Any fiscal impact in implementing the recommendations.

- 1 (8) Any other information the agency or organization determines would be
2 of assistance in compiling the report.
3 **SECTION 1.(c)** All data for the comprehensive report shall be submitted to
4 the General Assembly no later than January 31 of each year.
5 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.