

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 905

Short Title: Parent Provide Illegal Drugs to Child/Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Clary.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 26, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES
RELATING TO CHILD DRUG USE AND PARENTS WHO SUPPLY DRUGS TO
THEIR CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force shall study the issue of how to recognize and care for children who are using drugs for purposes other than legitimate health issues and whose parents appear to be providing the drugs to their children. In conducting the study, the Task Force shall consider all of the following:

- (1) Whether testing is appropriate to determine whether a child is using drugs, and if so, the type of testing that would be appropriate.
- (2) What procedure should be followed to obtain permission to test a child for suspected drug use, particularly if there is a reasonable suspicion that a parent is supplying the drugs to the child.
- (3) What options are available to deal with a parent who provides drugs to a child when the drugs are not required to address health issues.
- (4) What intervention and treatment programs are available for both parents and children regarding drug use by children.
- (5) What legal action, if any, may be taken against a parent who is supplying drugs to a child.
- (6) Any other items the Task Force deems relevant to the study.

SECTION 1.(b) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations, including recommended legislation, to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly on or before May 1, 2010.

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

