

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 960

Short Title: Funds for Quality Assurance Positions/DSS. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Howard, Henson, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, Health and Human Services, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 26, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE A FIFTY PERCENT MATCH FOR
3 PARTICIPATING COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE
4 POSITIONS FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES WITHIN COUNTY SOCIAL
5 SERVICES OFFICES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (Division), the sum of one million seven
9 hundred twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,725,500) recurring for each year of the
10 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to provide a fifty percent (50%) match for participating counties to
11 establish new quality assurance positions for child welfare within county social services offices
12 in the State. The Division shall allocate the positions funded pursuant to this section based on a
13 percentage of county population such that (i) counties having at least one percent (1%) of the
14 State's population each shall receive one position and (ii) counties having less than one percent
15 (1%) of the State's population shall share a position, as determined by the Division. The Division
16 shall implement a comprehensive continuous quality improvement (CQI) training plan that
17 provides all staff, new and existing, with introductory and ongoing training on the Division's CQI
18 plan, policies, and requirements that provide clarity regarding staff and stakeholder roles in the
19 CQI process.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.



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