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SENATE BILL 1179*

Short Title: Social Services Plan 1 Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Walker.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO
2 FURTHER DEVELOP THE SOCIAL SERVICES PLAN AND TO
3 APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PILOT THE CORE OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND
4 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO LOCAL AGENCIES TO
5 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES AS
6 PROVIDED IN G.S. 143B-150.6 OF THE FAMILY PRESERVATION ACT.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. The Department of Human Resources shall continue to develop
9 further the Social Services Plan, in consultation and cooperation with other appropriate
10 agencies and organizations and consistent with the policies as provided by Chapter 448
11 of the 1989 Session Laws.

12 As part of the further development of the Social Services Plan, the
13 Department of Human Resources shall pilot in three to five counties the core services as
14 described in its report on the Social Services Plan to the General Assembly. The
15 piloting shall include the establishment of minimum standards for the provision of the
16 core services, including staffing standards, caseload standards, training standards, and
17 facilities standards. In implementing Family Centered Services as a core service, the
18 Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall consider the advice and
19 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Family Centered Services.

20 Sec. 2. The Department of Human Resources shall establish standards for the
21 public assistance programs in the areas of staffing, caseload, training, and facilities.
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1 Sec. 3. The Department of Human Resources shall report periodically on the
2 further development of the Social Services Plan to the Social Services Study
3 Commission.

4 Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of five hundred thirty-nine
6 thousand five hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$539,589) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to
7 begin implementing the provisions of Section 1 of this act. The Department may use
8 this appropriation as match for federal funds that may be available in order to maximize
9 support for the pilot. Funds appropriated by the General Assembly to be allocated to
10 counties for child protective services shall be used by the pilot counties to strengthen
11 investigations and treatment in Child Protective Services as a core service.

12 Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
13 Human Resources the sum of two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000) for
14 the 1992-93 fiscal year for the purpose of making grants to public or private agencies to
15 develop and implement model programs of locally based Family Preservation Services
16 as provided in Part 4A of Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, Family
17 Preservation Act. This appropriation shall be used in conjunction with funds identified
18 within the department to implement the Family Preservation Services Program as
19 provided in the act. The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall ensure
20 that the development of these Family Preservation Models and the piloting of the core
21 social services described in Section 1 are coordinated at State and local levels to achieve
22 the most effective service delivery for families and use of available funding sources.

23 Sec. 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.