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# NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families DATE: August 28, 2021

## NO PERTINENT UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## Impending and New Laws Related to Children:

SL 2021-100: Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations

This new law makes various changes related to court proceedings on custody of juveniles and siblings in out-of-home placements.

<u>SL 2021-118:</u> Expand Expunction Eligibility

The new law gives more specificity to circumstances that allow for expunction of convictions that occurred before an individual turns 18.

<u>S. 207/H. 252</u>, Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs., ratified and presented to Governor for signature

S. 207 makes changes to law based on recommendations by the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee. The changes are related to: commitment to Youth Development Centers; juvenile transfer housing and secure custody order changes; allowing prosecutors to decline to prosecute; adding language related to vulnerable juveniles; adding that juvenile court counselors can coordinate multidisciplinary service referrals; comprehensive clinical assessments for juveniles and treatment follow-up for those with severe emotional disturbances (SED).

<u>S. 693</u>, Expedite Child Safety and Permanency, ratified and presented to Governor for signature The bill addresses the accelerated process for child safety and permanency planning including the safe and appropriate placement of children in need of mental health treatment. The bill also requires schools to provide children with information about child abuse and neglect. H. 769, Foster Parents' Bill of Rights – MET CROSSOVER – passed Senate

The bill gives foster parents a more defined role with the child through information sharing with the foster parent and giving the foster parent opportunity and value in providing input about the child.

## How are Families Incorporated in Person-Centered Planning? Opportunity for Feedback:

NC DMHDDSAS is seeking feedback on an updated Person-Centered Planning <u>guidance</u>. Comments are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The guidance includes values and principles, life domains, action plans, crisis plans and both individual and systemic indicators that the personcentered plan has been implemented.

## **Opportunities:**

 NC DHHS is conducting a survey to gain feedback for the Strategic Housing Plan for the state. The survey will remain open until September 15. Use this <u>link</u> to give your feedback. • Healthy Opportunities Pilot overview will be provided through a webinar on Tuesday, August 31, 9:30 am – 11 am. Register at this <u>link</u>.

#### Bills on the Move:

H. 769, Foster Parents' Bill of Rights – MET CROSSOVER – passed Senate

<u>S. 105</u>, 2021 Appropriations Act, passed by House and Senate, Senate did not concur with House proposal, <u>conference committee appointed</u>

<u>S. 207/H. 252</u>, Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs., ratified and presented to Governor for signature

S. 693, Expedite Child Safety and Permanency, ratified and presented to Governor for signature

## Bills:

- H. 29, Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE
- H. 32, Equity Opportunity Act MET CROSSOVER
- H. 42, 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications
- H. 91, Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism MET CROSSOVER
- H. 149, Improving Access to Care through Telehealth MET CROSSOVER
- H. 173, Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)
- H. 183, Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill) MET CROSSOVER
- H. 192, COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021
- H. 205, Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools MET CROSSOVER
- H. 212, Social Services Reform
- H. 215, Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford
- H. 232, LRC Study Affordable Housing, MET CROSSOVER
- H. 247, Standards of Student Conduct MET CROSSOVER
- H. 249, Children with Disabilities Funding Formula
- H. 261, Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction
- H. 262, Smart Start Funds
- H. 274, 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
- H. 277/S. 249, The SAVE Act
- H. 298, 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
- H. 300, 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
- H. 305, 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- H. 313, 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
- H. 314, 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- H. 325, 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
- H. 382, Hospital ED Care/Medicaid Behavioral Health Service
- H. 389/S. 350, NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
- H. 424, Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility
- H. 430, Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS
- H. 470, Medicaid Expansion
- H. 516, Raise Dropout Age to 18
- H. 568/S. 721, Youth Mentoring Services Act
- H. 579, School Self-Defense Act
- H. 615, Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments MET CROSSOVER
- H. 621, Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator MET CROSSOVER
- H. 653, Mental Health and SUD Parity Report

- H. 657, School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams MET CROSSOVER
- H. 658, Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST
- H. 664, County Service Districts/Early Childhood Education MET CROSSOVER
- H. 665/S. 610, Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
- H. 732, Peer Support Specialist Certification Act
- H. 747, Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid
- H. 749, Healthy Students School Psychologists/COVID-19
- H. 809, NC Healthy Family Act
- H. 823, Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information MET CROSSOVER
- H. 837, Increase Student Access to School Counselors
- H. 882, Behavioral Health Services for Students
- H. 908, Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage for All
- H. 914, Support our Direct Care Workforce
- H. 928, Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds
- H. 934, Student Success Program
- H. 946, Sound Basic Education for Every Child
- H. 947, The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act
- H. 952, Mental Health Unit Triage Pilot Program
- H. 953, Funds for School Mental Health Support Persons
- S. 37, In-Person Learning Choice for Families, ratified, vetoed by Governor on 2/26
- <u>S. 61</u>, Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation
- S. 78, A Safe Return for In-Person Learning
- S. 86, Medicaid Recs/School-Based Health and InCK evaluation/ Child Well-Being
- **Transformation Council Rec**
- S. 88, NC FAST Child Welfare Case Mgmt./PED Study
- S. 89, Regional Supervision/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
- <u>S. 90</u>, Social Services Reform/Inter-County Collaboration/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
- S. 93, Assisting NC Families in Crisis
- S. 106, 2021 Appropriations Act
- S. 107, 2021 Appropriations Act
- S. 154, Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
- S. 350/H. 389, NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
- S. 402, Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap
- S. 463, Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST
- S. 501, Create Department of Adult Corrections
- S. 514, Youth Health Protection Act
- S. 515, Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act
- S. 518, Protecting and Supporting NC's Children
- <u>S. 530</u>, Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum
- S. 593, Special Education Due Process Hearings MET CROSSOVER
- S. 595, Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences
- S. 610/ H. 665, Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
- S. 615, Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid
- S. 622, 2021 Governor's Budget
- S. 721/H. 568, Youth Mentoring Services Act

#### Bills Signed into Law:

- SL 2021-1: COVID Relief Bill Modifications
- SL 2021-3: 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief
- SL 2021-4: The Reopen the Schools Act of 2021
- SL 2021-7, Summer Learning Choice for NC Families
- SL 2021-8: Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021
- SL 2021-18: Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals
- SL 2021-22: Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism
- SL 2021-25: Additional COVID-119 Response and Relief
- <u>SL 2021-61</u>: Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments
- SL 2021-62: Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections
- SL 2021-77: DHHS Revisions
- SL 2021-88: GSC Technical Corrections 2021
- <u>SL 2021-100:</u> Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)
- <u>SL 2021-118:</u> Expand Expunction Eligibility