

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 996**

Short Title: Amend Grounds for TPR.

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Sponsors: Senators Garrou; Dalton, Hagan, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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April 5, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADD A GROUND UPON WHICH TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE GRANTED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-1111(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(10) The juvenile is in the custody or placement responsibility of a county department of social services and the juvenile's parent is incarcerated and is likely to remain incarcerated for such length of time as to seriously undermine the parent-child relationship. In making the determination as to whether the parent-child relationship is seriously undermined, the court shall consider and make findings of fact concerning the following factors:

a. The length of imprisonment.

b. Age of the juvenile.

c. The juvenile's previous relationship with the parent."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2002, and applies to actions filed on or after that date.