

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE BILL 692\***

Short Title:    Establish Policy/Smoking/Foster Care. (Public)

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Sponsors:    Representatives Cotham, Holliman, Barnhart, Lucas (Primary Sponsors);  
M. Alexander, England, Glazier, Goodwin, Harrison, Insko, Jackson, Luebke,  
Mackey, Martin, Parmon, Pierce, Ross, Tarleton, and Weiss.

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Referred to:    Health, if favorable, Judiciary I.

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March 23, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP  
POLICIES ON HOW TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FOSTER PARENTS WHO  
SMOKE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Division of Child Development of the Department of Health and  
Human Services shall direct that each county department of social services establish a policy  
regarding how the county department of social services will address the issue of placing a child  
with a foster parent who smokes. Each county department of social services shall submit a copy  
of the policy to the Division of Child Development within one year from the effective date of  
this act. For purposes of this section, the term "smoke" shall have the same meaning as defined  
in G.S. 143-596(5).

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

