

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 671*

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

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; and Dorsett.

Referred to: Health Care.

March 19, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

