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SENATE BILL 114*

Short Title: Custodial Parent/Party Cooperate w/Child Supp. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Randleman, Tarte, Bingham (Primary Sponsors); Clark, Krawiec, and Newton.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 27, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
3 DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION AND THE
4 DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TO DEVELOP A PLAN REQUIRING A
5 CUSTODIAL PARENT OR OTHER RELATIVE OR PERSON WITH PRIMARY
6 CUSTODY OF A CHILD RECEIVING CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO
7 COOPERATE WITH COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS AS A
8 CONDITION OF RECEIVING CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS, AS
9 RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD SUPPORT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT
10 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.(a)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
13 Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)
14 and the Division of Social Services (DSS), implement a process requiring child care subsidy
15 recipients to participate in child support services programs. To that end, DCDEE and DSS shall
16 develop a plan requiring a custodial parent or other relative or person with primary custody of
17 the child who is receiving child care subsidy payments to cooperate with county child support
18 services programs as a condition of receiving child care subsidy payments. In developing the
19 plan, the DCDEE and DSS shall, at a minimum, consider each of the following:

- 20 (1) The number of child care subsidy cases that would be referred to county
21 child support services programs.
- 22 (2) Whether there are any disparities between child support services programs
23 administered directly by the county department of social services versus
24 those programs administered by a vendor through a contract with the county
25 department of social services, specifically as related to maintaining
26 consistent communication.
- 27 (3) The access and exchange of information between county child support
28 services programs/systems and child care subsidy services/systems and any
29 differences that may create a conflict in coordinating child care subsidy
30 payments with child support services.
- 31 (4) Any implementation issues related to IV-D child support cases versus
32 non-IV-D child support cases.
- 33 (5) Any impact on the families involved and the need to incorporate good cause
34 exceptions for cooperation with county child support services programs



- 1 similar to those for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and
2 Medicaid.
- 3 (6) Any costs to implement the plan, including any automation costs associated
4 with connecting the child care subsidy payments system to the child support
5 payments system.
- 6 (7) The development of any forms needed to implement the plan.
- 7 (8) Transition time needed to implement the plan and to coordinate any interface
8 with current systems, such as the North Carolina Automated Collection and
9 Tracking System (NC ACTS) and North Carolina Families Accessing
10 Services through Technology (NC FAST).
- 11 (9) Any training needs and costs associated with training.
- 12 (10) Other states that have implemented a similar plan as proposed in this section.
- 13 (11) Other programs of public assistance in this State requiring coordination with
14 child support services programs.
- 15 (12) The need to update any current policies or procedures related to child care
16 subsidy payments and child support payments.
- 17 (13) Any other issues DCDEE or DSS deem relevant.

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Division of Child Development and Early Education and the
19 Division of Social Services shall submit a report on the plan, along with any recommendations,
20 to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal
21 Research Division no later than February 1, 2016.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.