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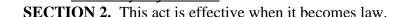
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Short Title: Clarify Objective/Child Protective Services. (Public) Sponsors: Representatives Dobson, Bert Jones, Murphy, and Earle (Primary Sponsors). For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site. Referred to: Judiciary IV April 10, 2017 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE OBJECTIVE OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND WHAT CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ENCOMPASSES. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-300 reads as rewritten: "§ 7B-300. Protective services. The director of the department of social services in each county of the State shall establish protective services for juveniles alleged to be abused, neglected, or dependent. The primary objective of protective services is to protect juveniles and provide for the safety and well-being of juveniles. (b) Protective services shall include each of the screening following: (1) Screening of reports, the reports in accordance with instructions provided by the Department. (2) The performance of an assessment using either a family assessment response or an investigative assessment response, casework, or other counseling response. (3) Casework. (4) Counseling services to <u>juveniles</u>, parents, guardians, or other caretakers as provided by the director to help the parents, guardians, or other caretakers

and the court (i) to prevent abuse or neglect, (ii) to improve the quality of child care, (iii) to be more adequate make more suitable decisions as parents,

guardians, or caretakers, and (iv) to better meet the needs of juveniles, (v) to

preserve and stabilize family life.life, and (vi) to sustain the long-term care



and safety of juveniles."

