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Short Title: Continue Soc. Service Regnl Supervsn Work Grp. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stevens and Lewis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK OF THE SOCIAL
3 SERVICES REGIONAL SUPERVISION AND COLLABORATION WORKING GROUP.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1.2 of S.L. 2017-41 reads as rewritten:

6 "SECTION 1.2.(a) Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration Working
7 Group. – The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (SOG)
8 shall ~~convene a~~ continue the work of the Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration
9 Working Group (Working Group) to make recommendations to the Department regarding the
10 regional supervision and collaboration plan. The Working Group shall consist of the currently
11 constituted members as of December 1, 2018.

12 "SECTION 1.2.(b) Composition. – The Working Group shall consist of the following
13 members:

- 14 (1) Three members ~~of the Senate~~ appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Senate, one of whom shall be designated as a cochair.
16 (2) Three members ~~of the House of Representatives~~ appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated as a cochair.

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19 "SECTION 1.2.(d) Duties. – The Working Group shall continue to develop
20 recommendations for the regional supervision and collaboration plan required by Section 1.1 of
21 this act. The Working Group shall ~~divide its work into two stages, the first~~ continue to address
22 (i) regional supervision and the second to (ii) address interagency collaboration and
23 regionalization.

24 (1) ~~Stage One. Regional Supervision.~~ – The Working Group shall ~~convene its first~~
25 ~~meeting no later than October 6, 2017. During the first stage, the Working~~
26 ~~Group shall develop~~ October 4, 2019, and continue developing
27 recommendations regarding:

- 28 a. The size, number, and location of the regions. Recommendations shall
29 take into consideration (i) the need for regions to maintain direct, local
30 connections with the jurisdictions they serve; (ii) alignment with other
31 regional organizations that intersect with the work of social services,
32 as appropriate; and (iii) awareness of the cultural differences and
33 similarities between regions.
34 b. The allocation of responsibility between the central, regional, and local
35 officials in supervising and administering the social services programs
36 and services.



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- 1 c. Methods for holding the regional offices accountable for performance
- 2 and responsiveness.
- 3 d. Requirements for the regional offices to share information about local
- 4 departmental performance with the relevant board or boards of county
- 5 commissioners, county or regional board of social services, or
- 6 consolidated human services board.
- 7 e. Options for authorizing the board of county commissioners to
- 8 intervene in urgent situations to assume direct control of the
- 9 department of social services at the local level prior to the State
- 10 assuming control of service delivery pursuant to G.S. 108A-74.
- 11 f. Any other issues related to regional supervision identified by the
- 12 cochairs.

13 (2) ~~Stage Two. Interagency Collaboration and Regionalization. – During the~~
 14 ~~second stage, the~~ The Working Group shall:

- 15 a. Develop recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory
- 16 changes necessary to improve collaboration between counties in the
- 17 administration of social services programs and services.
- 18 Recommendations shall address, at a minimum, information sharing,
- 19 conflicts of interest, and intercounty movement of people enrolled in
- 20 programs or receiving social services.
- 21 b. Develop a vision for transitioning the State from a
- 22 county-administered system to a regionally administered system. The
- 23 vision shall identify general benefits and challenges associated with
- 24 making such a transition.

25 "**SECTION 1.2.(e) Reports. –**

- 26 (1) ~~Stage One.~~—The Working Group shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative
- 27 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services (Committee) and the
- 28 Department ~~at the conclusion of Stage One, which shall be on its continued~~
- 29 ~~work~~ no later than April 15, 2018. April 15, 2020. After receiving the ~~Stage~~
- 30 ~~One~~ this report, the Committee may terminate the Working Group if it
- 31 concludes that the Working Group is not making sufficient progress.
- 32 (2) ~~Stage Two.~~—The Working Group shall submit a final report of its
- 33 recommendations to the Committee and the Department ~~at the conclusion of~~
- 34 ~~Stage Two, which shall be no later than February 1, 2019. February 1, 2021,~~
- 35 and shall terminate upon the final report.

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