

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 779  
HOUSE BILL 1014

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 14-320 RELATING TO SEPARATING A CHILD UNDER SIX MONTHS FROM A PARENT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO CUSTODY OF THE CHILD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 14-320 is amended to read:

"§ 14-320. **Separating child under six months old from a custodial parent.** — It shall be unlawful for any person to separate or aid in separating any child under six months old from a parent legally entitled to custody of the child for the purpose of placing such child in a foster home or institution, or with the intent to remove it from the State for such purpose, without the written consent of either the county director of social services of the county in which the parent legally entitled to custody of the child resides, or of the county in which the child was born or of a private child-placing agency duly licensed by the Social Services Commission; but the written consent of any of the officials named in this section shall not be necessary for a child when the parent legally entitled to custody of the child places the child with relatives or in a boarding home or institution inspected by the Department of Human Resources and licensed by the Social Services Commission. The consent when required shall be filed in the records of the official or agency giving consent. Any person or agency violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court."

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of June, 1979.