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HOUSE BILL 251

Short Title: Clarify Custody Award.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Barnes; and Warner.

Referred to: Judiciary.

February 16, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT COURT TO
AWARD CUSTODY OF A CHILD TO A PARENT IN JUDICIAL REVIEW
HEARING UNDER G.S. 7A-657.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-659(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) ~~The court, judge, after making findings of fact, shall affirm the county department's or child placing agency's plans or require specific additional steps which are necessary to accomplish a permanent placement which is in the best interests of the child.~~ have authority to make any disposition authorized by G.S. 7A-647, including the authority to place the child in the custody of either parent or any relative found by the court to be suitable. The court may enter an order continuing the placement under review or providing for a different placement as is deemed to be in the best interest of the juvenile. If at any time custody is restored to a parent, the court shall be relieved of the duty to conduct periodic judicial review of the placement."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.