

- 1 (6) To investigate cases for adoption and to supervise adoptive
2 placements;
- 3 (7) To issue employment certificates to children under the regulations of
4 the State Department of Labor;
- 5 (8) To supervise domiciliary homes for aged or disabled persons under the
6 rules and regulations of the Social Services Commission.
- 7 (9) To assist and cooperate with the Department of Correction and their
8 representatives;
- 9 (10) To act in conformity with the provisions of Article 7, Chapter 35 of the
10 General Statutes with regard to sterilization of mentally ill and
11 mentally retarded persons;
- 12 (11) To investigate reports of child abuse and neglect and to take
13 appropriate action to protect such children pursuant to the Child Abuse
14 Reporting Law, Article 44 of Chapter 7A;
- 15 (12) To accept children for placement in foster homes and to supervise
16 placements for so long as such children require foster home care; and
- 17 (13) To respond by investigation and action to a request for written consent
18 to the plan of separation of a child under six months of age from its
19 custodial parent, pursuant to ~~G.S. 14-320.~~ G.S. 14-320; and
- 20 (14) To receive and evaluate reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of
21 disabled adults and to take appropriate action as required by the
22 Protection of the Abused, Neglected, or Exploited Disabled Adults
23 Act, Article 6 of this Chapter, to protect these adults.

24 (b) The director may delegate to one or more members of his staff the authority
25 to act as his representative. The director may limit the delegated authority of his
26 representative to specific tasks or areas of expertise."

27 Sec. 2. G.S. 108A-101(c) reads as rewritten:

28 "(c) The word 'director' shall mean the director of the county department of social
29 services ~~or his representative~~ in the county in which the person resides or is ~~present.~~
30 present, or his representative as defined in G.S. 108A-14."

31 Sec. 3. G.S. 7A-517 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

32 "(29) Director of the Department of Social Services. – The director of the
33 county department of social services in the county in which the
34 juvenile resides or is found, or his representative as defined in G.S.
35 108A-14."

36 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.