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Short Title: Thomas S. Death Review/AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kerr.

Referred to: Appropriations

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
3 RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATHS OF CERTAIN THOMAS S.
4 CLASS MEMBERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 122C-112(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(14) Upon the death of any prospective or confirmed Thomas S. class
8 member as identified in Thomas S. et al. vs. Britt, (C-C-82-418,
9 Western District) not residing in a State facility listed in G.S. 122C-181,
10 investigate the circumstances leading to that death. The investigation
11 shall analyze any unusual circumstances relating to the death. The
12 Secretary shall adopt rules to implement this section. The Secretary
13 shall have access to all medical records, hospital records, and records
14 maintained by this State, any county, or any local agency necessary to
15 carry out the purposes of this section, including police investigations
16 date, medical examiner investigative data, health records, mental health
17 records, and social services records."

18 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to deaths occurring
19 on or after this date.