

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 2000-131  
HOUSE BILL 1571

AN ACT PERTAINING TO TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INVESTIGATION  
OF COMPLAINTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ABUSED,  
NEGLECTED, OR EXPLOITED DISABLED ADULT ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 108A-103(d) reads as rewritten:

**"§ 108A-103. Duty of director upon receiving report.**

...

(d) The director shall initiate the evaluation described in subsection (a) of this section as follows:

- (1) Immediately upon receipt of the complaint if the complaint alleges a life-threatening situation. ~~danger of death in an emergency as defined in G.S. 108A-101(g).~~
- (2) Within 24 hours if the complaint alleges ~~abuse of a resident~~ danger of irreparable harm in an emergency as defined by G.S. ~~131D-20(1).~~ 108A-101(g).
- (3) ~~Within 48 hours if the complaint alleges neglect of a resident as defined by G.S. 131D-20(8).~~ 72 hours if the complaint does not allege danger of death or irreparable harm in an emergency as defined by G.S. 108A-101(g).
- (4) ~~Within two weeks in all other situations.~~

The investigation shall be completed within 30 days. The evaluation shall be completed within 30 days for allegations of abuse or neglect and within 45 days for allegations of exploitation."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7th day of July, 2000.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 8:50 a.m. this 14th day of July, 2000