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SENATE BILL 820*

Short Title: Study Oversight/Conflicts of Int./Foster Care. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Randleman, Barringer (Primary Sponsors); Foushee, Robinson, and Sanderson.

Referred to: Health Care.

May 22, 2014

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
3 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY OVERSIGHT OF THE STATE'S
4 SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM, ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
5 WITHIN THE SYSTEM, AND HOW THOSE MATTERS MAY BE ADDRESSED, AS
6 RECOMMENDED BY THE LRC COMMITTEE ON OMNIBUS FOSTER CARE AND
7 DEPENDENCY.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** A subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
10 Health and Human Services shall be created to study oversight of the State's social services
11 system, any potential conflicts of interest within the system, and how those matters may be
12 addressed. The Chair of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
13 Services shall appoint members of the subcommittee and may appoint members of the public to
14 the subcommittee in addition to any members of the General Assembly.

15 **SECTION 2.** In conducting the study, the subcommittee shall consider the
16 following:

- 17 (1) The State's oversight of county departments of social services, specifically
18 regarding the delivery of services and the level of consistency in the delivery
19 of services as between counties.
- 20 (2) Whether the State's current system of oversight regarding county
21 departments of social services should be revised.
- 22 (3) What authority the State has to enact laws or adopt rules regarding the foster
23 care system so as not to conflict with federal laws.
- 24 (4) The current law, rules, or policies in place regarding a director or an
25 employee of a county department of social services serving in the role of
26 foster parent.
- 27 (5) Whether a director or an employee of a county department of social services
28 should be allowed to serve as a foster parent.
- 29 (6) Any changes deemed necessary to current law, rules, or policies to avoid
30 conflicts of interest if a director or an employee of a county department of
31 social services serves as a foster parent.
- 32 (7) Any other issues specific to this matter the subcommittee deems appropriate.

33 **SECTION 3.** The subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
34 Health and Human Services shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to
35 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services no later than



1 December 1, 2014. The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
2 shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2015 General Assembly,
3 prior to its convening, by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.