

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 797\***

Short Title: Study Alignment of CC Services Applications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Pate (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 2, 2016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING A STATEWIDE STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS BY WHICH ELIGIBLE FAMILIES MAY APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN AVAILABLE SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Division of Child Development and Early Education in the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with stakeholders, shall study the efficacy and desirability of developing a statewide streamlined application process by which eligible families may apply for and obtain available child care, early education, and health support services at one time. In the conduct of its study, the Division shall evaluate and make recommendations on a statewide streamlined application process and technology that improves the ability of agencies to match families and children to programs and services, and supports:

- (1) NC Pre-K.
- (2) Title I.
- (3) Child Care Subsidy.
- (4) Head Start.
- (5) Management of waiting lists for the programs identified in subdivisions (1) through (4) of this section.
- (6) Any other relevant programs or services the Division and stakeholders deem appropriate.

**SECTION 2.** The Division shall report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before December 1, 2016.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

