## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1985 SESSION

## CHAPTER 205 HOUSE BILL 638

## AN ACT TO REQUIRE PROMPT INVESTIGATION OF A REPORT OF JUVENILE ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-544 is amended in the first paragraph by inserting between the first and second sentences the following two sentences to read:

"When the report alleges abuse, the Director shall immediately, but no later than 24 hours after receipt of the report, initiate the investigation. When the report alleges neglect, the Director shall initiate the investigation within 72 hours following receipt of the report."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1985.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of May, 1985.