

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 232*

Short Title: County Day Care Encouragement.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Richardson, Forrester, Plexico, and Walker.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the State.

February 18, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE COUNTIES TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE
DAY CARE AVAILABLE TO THEM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The General Assembly encourages all counties to use all their initial child care allocations by actively and aggressively pursuing all existing child care resources currently available. The Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services, Day Care Section, shall reevaluate its allocation/reversion/reallocation timetable to balance equitably the needs of those counties that have had difficulty using their initial allocations in a timely fashion with the needs of those counties who have used the reverted allocations to excellent purpose.

(b) The General Assembly encourages counties to use creative and innovative methods of enriching their existing day care, such as by using volunteers from senior citizen centers in day care, and to identify any State law or policy bars that may currently exist to these methods.

(c) The General Assembly encourages counties that now provide certain child care payments directly to parents rather than directly to the provider to reevaluate this practice in order to ensure that the method of payment properly reflects both the needs of the individual families and the day care community.

Sec. 2. The Department of Human Resources shall report quarterly to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Office on the implementation of this act.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.