

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 496\*

Children and Human Resources Committee Substitute Adopted 3/29/93

Short Title: Medical/M.H. Eval. Plan.

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March 16, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHILD FATALITY  
2 TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH AN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO  
3 DEVELOP A CHILD MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION  
4 PLAN.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. (a) There is established an interagency committee to develop a  
8 collaborative plan to provide and pay for medical and mental health evaluations to all  
9 children suspected of being abused or neglected, regardless of whether they are referred  
10 for these evaluations by child protective services programs. The plan shall include how  
11 best to use existing resources to pay for the evaluations and shall also include a  
12 recommendation for the amount of new funding needed, if existing resources cannot  
13 cover all children.

14 (b) The committee shall consist of one representative from each of the following:

- 15 (1) The Child Medical Evaluation Program, The University of North  
16 Carolina, to be appointed by the Director of that program;  
17 (2) The Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Human Resources,  
18 to be appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources;  
19 (3) The Assistance Program for Victims of Rape and Sex Offenses,  
20 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, to be appointed by  
21 the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety;

- 1           (4) The Division of Maternal and Child Health, Department of  
2           Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, to be appointed by the  
3           Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources;  
4           (5) The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
5           Substance Abuse Services, Department of Human Resources, to be  
6           appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources;  
7           (6) The Office of Rural Health and Resource Development, Department of  
8           Human Resources, to be appointed by the Secretary of Human  
9           Resources; and  
10          (7) The Department of Insurance, to be appointed by the Commissioner of  
11          Insurance.

12          The Secretary of Human Resources also may request any appropriate individual to be a  
13          member of the committee.

14               (c) The Department of Human Resources shall provide meeting rooms,  
15          telephone, office space, equipment, supplies, and clerical services to the committee  
16          without charge.

17               (d) The committee shall report the plan it develops, together with any  
18          legislative proposals, to the General Assembly and the Child Fatality Task Force by  
19          March 15, 1994.

20               Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.