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SENATE BILL 1236*

Short Title: Child Fatality Task Data Report.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford, Allran, Cooper, Martin of Pitt, and Winner.

Referred to: Children and Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE TO
3 REQUIRE ALL STATE AGENCIES THAT DEAL WITH CHILD HEALTH AND
4 WELFARE TO REPORT DATA COLLECTION TO THE CHILD FATALITY
5 TASK FORCE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. (a) The General Assembly finds that the types of child health and
8 welfare data collected by the various State agencies involved with child health and
9 welfare and their methods of collection vary widely and that agencies are often unable to
10 share their data and other information. The General Assembly further finds that the
11 North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force is the appropriate State agency to study all the
12 State agencies' data and their methods of data collection and to make recommendations
13 on ways to improve the collection and sharing of data on child health and welfare in order
14 to enable all State agencies to improve the delivery of health and welfare services to
15 children and families.

16 (b) Article 62 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by inserting a
17 new section to read:

18 **"§ 143-578.1. Child health and welfare data reports.**

19 All State agencies that deal with child health and welfare shall provide the Task Force
20 by October 1, 1996, information on the types of data they collect, the methodology of

1 their data collection, and the barriers that exist in law or policy to the collecting and
2 sharing of this data. The Task Force shall provide the State agencies the format for the
3 report. These State agencies include the Divisions of Social Services and Youth Services
4 of the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Environment, Health, and
5 Natural Resources, the Department of Administration, the Department of Justice, the
6 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, and the Administrative Office of the
7 Courts.

8 The Task Force shall report the results of the State agencies' data reports, together
9 with any legislative proposals to the General Assembly by December, 1996."

10 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.