



# HOUSE BILL 361: Require Report/Protection & Advocacy Agency.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 361 would require the designated Protection and Advocacy Agency ("Agency") for the State to submit reports on actions the Agency has taken to advocate for persons with disabilities.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

The Agency would be required to report twice a year on its actions taken to advocate for persons with disabilities.

The Agency would also submit the following by December 1, 2023:

- A report on the Agency's measured successes in advocating for person with disabilities, including examples of how the Agency reduced barriers to employment, enabled independent living, and increased postsecondary educational opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- A report on the Agency's outcomes in advocating for students with disabilities in elementary and secondary education, with specified criteria.

The General Assembly would be encouraged to examine the Agency's activities for impact on current and future State budgets.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it became law.

**BACKGROUND:** Disability Rights North Carolina is the federally designated protection and advocacy agency for the State and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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