

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 245*

Short Title: Enhance Permanency Innovation Initiative. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Burgin, Krawiec, and McKissick (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 14, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE AND
3 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 131D-10.9B(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) There is created the Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund that will support a
7 demonstration project with services provided by Children's Home Society of North Carolina to
8 (i) improve permanency outcomes for children living in foster care through reunification with
9 parents, providing placement or guardianship with other relatives, or adoption, (ii) improve
10 engagement with biological relatives of children in or at risk of entering foster care, and (iii)
11 reduce costs associated with maintaining children in foster care. In implementing these goals, the
12 Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund shall support the following strategies:

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14 (3) Permanency Training Services, which are services delivered by Children's
15 Home Society of North Carolina to ~~enhance the readiness of support~~ county
16 departments of social services to implement the permanency strategies under
17 subdivision (2) of this ~~subsection~~ subsection, advance permanency-focused
18 services for children in the legal custody of county departments of social
19 services, and provide training services to support the delivery of the
20 services and support services to caregivers and family members who are
21 supporting the permanency goal of children in the legal custody of county
22 departments of social services."

23 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
24 Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of two million two hundred
25 fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) recurring for each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to
26 provide additional funds for the Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund in accordance with
27 G.S. 131D-10.9B. Funds provided pursuant to this section shall be supplemented, not supplanted,
28 by all available federal matching funds.

29 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

