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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 257

AMENDMENT NO. **A25**
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Amends Title [NO]
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Senator David

1 moves to amend the bill on page 31, lines 7-8, by inserting the following between the lines:

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3 **"MAKING LANGUAGE GENDER-NEUTRAL IN CHILD SUPPORT STATUTE**

4 **SECTION 5.25.** G.S. 110-130 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 110-130. Action by the designated representatives of the county commissioners.**

6 (a) ~~Any A~~ county interested in the paternity ~~and/or or~~ support of a dependent child may
7 ~~institute civil or criminal proceedings commence a civil or criminal action against the responsible~~
8 ~~parent of the child, child or may take up and pursue intervene in~~ any paternity ~~and/or or~~ support
9 ~~action commenced by the mother, custodian or guardian of the child. Such action shall be~~
10 ~~undertaken by the concerning the child. The designated representative of the county~~
11 ~~commissioners in the county where the mother of the child resides or is found, in the county~~
12 ~~where the father resides or is found, or in the county where the child resides or is found. Any~~
13 ~~legal proceeding instituted under this section found may commence or intervene in an action~~
14 ~~under this section. An action commenced under this section may be based upon information or~~
15 ~~belief.~~

16 (b) ~~The A~~ parent of the child may be subpoenaed for testimony at the trial of ~~the action~~
17 ~~to establish the paternity of and/or to obtain support for the child either instituted or taken up by~~
18 ~~the designated representative of the county commissioners. an action commenced or intervened~~
19 ~~in by a county under this section. The husband-wife privilege shall not be grounds is not a ground~~
20 ~~for excusing the mother or father from testifying at the trial nor shall said privilege be grounds is~~
21 ~~the privilege a ground for the exclusion of confidential communications between husband and~~
22 ~~wife. If a parent called for examination declines to answer upon the grounds that his ground that~~
23 ~~his or her testimony may tend to incriminate him, him or her, the court may require him to answer~~
24 ~~in which event he the parent to answer. The parent shall not thereafter be prosecuted for any~~
25 ~~criminal act involved in the conception of the child whose paternity is in issue and/or or for whom~~
26 ~~support is sought, except for perjury committed in this testimony."~~



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