HOUSE BILL 630:
Rylan's Law/CPS Observation.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 630 would require a county department of social services to observe a parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker for whom allegations of child abuse, neglect, or dependency have been substantiated for a minimum number of visits before returning custody to that person.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 7B-903.1(c) states when a child is placed in custody or placement responsibility of a county department of social services the director must not allow unsupervised visitation with or return of physical custody to a parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker without a hearing at which the court finds the juvenile will receive proper care and supervision in a safe home.

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill adds to current law an additional provision that the county department of social services may not recommend physical custody be returned to a parent, guardian, custodian or caretaker from whom a juvenile was removed, unless the department has observed that parent, guardian, custodian or caretaker with the juvenile for at least two successful visits and provides documentation of the successful visits to the court.

The "successful visits" must be at least seven days apart and must consist of an observation of at least one hour with the juvenile(s) subject to the abuse, neglect, or dependency being present for the duration of the visit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill becomes effective when it becomes law.

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