

## **HOUSE BILL 774: Require County DSS to Review Placements.**

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 774 requires county departments of social services to follow their placements and review the cases of juveniles in their custody.

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 7B-505 allows a juvenile in nonsecure custody with the department of social services or a person designated in the order for temporary placement in the order for temporary residential placement to be placed in:

- 1. A licensed foster home or a home otherwise authorized by law to provide such care; or
- 2. A facility operated by the department of social services; or
- 3. Any other home or facility, including a relative's home approved by the court and designated in the order.

This section also requires the department of social services to make diligent efforts and consider other certain factors when placing a child who is in nonsecure custody.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** This bill adds a new subsection to require the department of social services to follow and review the cases of juveniles for whom they have nonsecure custody throughout the final disposition of the case or until permanency is achieved.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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