



SENATE BILL 99: Appropriations Act of 2018, Sec. 24.1 Child Well-Being Transformation Council

2017-2018 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *Sec. 24.1 of S.L. 2018-5 creates a new Article in Chapter 143 of the General Statutes to establish the Child Well-Being Transformation Council (Council) to serve as a means for coordination, collaboration, and communication among agencies and organizations involved in providing public services to children.*

Section 24.1(a) became effective on June 30, 2018. The remainder of the section became effective July 1, 2018.

BILL ANALYSIS:

- The Council will be located administratively in the General Assembly and will consist of 25 members. The initial Council members shall be appointed on or after September 1, 2018, as follows:
 - Six members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
 - Six members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - Thirteen members shall be appointed by the Governor.
- The Council will focus on the following initiatives:
 - (1) Mapping the network of child serving agencies and organizations in the State.
 - (2) Cataloging examples of failures in coordination, collaboration, and communication in the context of child welfare.
 - (3) Reviewing the work of bodies similar to the Children's Council operating in other states to identify promising practices and focus areas for the Children's Council's work.
 - (4) Monitoring changes in the social services and child welfare system associated with reform and regional supervision.
 - (5) Identifying gaps in coordination, collaboration, and communication related to all publicly funded child serving programs.
 - (6) Recommending changes in law, policy, or practice necessary to remedy gaps or problems impacting coordination, collaboration, and communication among publicly funded child serving agencies.
- The Council must submit an interim report to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division by June 30, 2019. The report shall include

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a summary of the Council's work for the previous year, any findings and recommendations for change, and a work plan for the upcoming year. By June 30, 2020, the Children's Council shall submit a final report and shall terminate on that date.

- The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will assist the Council by doing the following:
 - (1) Convene the first meeting of the Children's Council no later than October 31, 2018, and host the first four meetings of the Children's Council.
 - (2) Facilitate the work of the Children's Council during the meetings. The Children's Council shall focus on the initiatives outlined in subsection (f) of this section.
 - (3) Provide necessary clerical and administrative support for the meetings in collaboration with clerical staff assigned to the Children's Council pursuant to subsection (g) of this section; conduct research and provide technical assistance, as appropriate; and assist with the preparation of the Children's Council first report due on June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Subsection (a) of this section became effective June 30, 2018. The remainder of this section became effective July 1, 2018.