



HOUSE BILL 580: Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House Homelessness, Foster Care, and Dependency. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations, Health and Human Services. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House **Date:** April 29, 2019

Introduced by: Reps. Grange, White, Potts, Dobson **Prepared by:** Tawanda N. Foster

Analysis of: First Edition **Committee Co-Counsel**

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 580 increases the foster care and adoption assistance payment rates and appropriates funds for that purpose.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S636, as introduced by Sens. Hise, Krawiec, Harrington, which is currently in Senate Appropriations/Base Budget.]

CURRENT LAW: Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes governs programs of public assistance in the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services.

G.S. 108A-49.1 provides the maximum rates for State participation in foster care and adoption assistance payment rates.

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill increases the foster care and adoption assistance payment rates and appropriates funds for that purpose.

Section 1.(a) increases the rates for foster care and adoption assistance per child per month, effective July 1, 2020, as follows:

	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>House Bill 580</u>
Birth through Age 5	\$475.00	\$514.00
Age 6-12	\$581.00	\$654.00
Age 13-21	\$634.00	\$698.00

Section 1.(b) increases the rates for foster care and adoption assistance per child per month, effective July 1, 2021, as follows:

	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>House Bill 580</u>
Birth through Age 5	\$475.00	\$553.00
Age 6-12	\$581.00	\$727.00
Age 13-21	\$634.00	\$761.00

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Section 3 appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services \$6,868,758.00 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to implement the rate increases in this bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1.(a) of this bill becomes effective July 1, 2020 and Section 1.(b) of this bill becomes effective July 1, 2021. Section 2 of this bill becomes effective July 1, 2019.