



# HOUSE BILL 613: Essential Services For Homeless Youth.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 613 would allow unaccompanied homeless minors to consent to medical treatment. It would also give the Social Services Commission the authority to adopt rules facilitating access to child care for homeless children.*

## BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would allow individuals who are defined as "unaccompanied youths" under 42 U.S.C. 11434a(6) to consent to the following medical procedures: (i) physical examinations necessary for participation in school activities, (ii) dental services, (iii) optometry services, and (iv) mental health and substance abuse services. The individual seeking medical treatment would need to provide documentation of being an unaccompanied homeless minor. Medical professionals who provide treatment to unaccompanied homeless minors would be immune from suit for providing those services without parental consent.

Section 2 of the bill would amend G.S. 143B-153 to require the Social Services Commission to adopt rules facilitating access to child care for homeless children.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 1 of the bill would be effective October 1, 2019. Section 2 of the bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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