OVERVIEW: Section 9I.3 of S.L. 2021-180 notwithstanding the law (G.S. 143B-150.6), requires the Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS) Program to provide intensive services to children and families in cases of abuse, neglect, and dependency. The program must use standardized assessment criteria for determining imminent risk. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must require any entity that receives funding for the purpose of the IFPS to provide data that allows all of the following: (i) at least six months of follow-up services; (ii) detailed information on the interventions that were used; (iii) cost-benefit data; (iv) data on long-term benefits; (v) the number of families remaining intact after IFPS intervention, and (vi) the number and percentage by race of children who received services as compared to the general population. Entities that do not share this data will not receive funding. DHHS must report annually on December 1 to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the data provided.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.