OVERVIEW: Section 9C.7.(a) of S.L. 2021-180 directs that a portion of the funds allocated to the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., are to continue being used to increase access to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Section 9C.7.(b) of the act allows the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. to use up to 1% of the funds for statewide program management and up to 1% of the funds for program evaluation. The funds allocated under this section are not subject to child care services funding requirements, child care subsidy expansion requirements, or match requirements.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.