

SENATE BILL 105: 2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9I.11: **Increase Foster Care and Adoption Assistance** Rates

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OVERVIEW: Section 91.11 of S.L. 2021-180 amends G.S. 108A-49.1 to increase the maximum rates for State participation in the foster care and adoption assistance programs to the following amounts:

- \$514 per child per month for children from birth through five years of age.
- \$654 per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.
- \$698 per child per month for children at least 13 but less than 21 years of age.

The revised foster care assistance rates apply to family foster care homes, residential child care facilities, and Level 2 group homes. The Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, must use a portion of the funds allocated for rate increases to cover the county share of the cost of care for the rate increases under this section for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

This section became effective January 1, 2022.

