



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 576:

Department of Health and Human Services

Revisions, Sec. 5.3:

Align Dissemination of Background Check Information for Prospective Adoptive Parents and Foster Care Parents with Federal Policy, Law, and Standards

Analysis of: S.L. 2025-27, Sec. 5.3

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Section 5.3 of S.L. 2025-27 (House Bill 576) does the following:

- Allows the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) to provide a prospective adoptive parent a copy of their criminal history for purposes of reviewing or challenging the accuracy of the criminal history.
- Allows the Department to provide a foster parent or a prospective foster parent a copy of their criminal history information for purposes of reviewing or challenging the accuracy of the criminal history. Public child placing agencies are required to have an employee on staff that is trained and certified to receive criminal history information.

This section became effective June 27, 2025.

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