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HOUSE BILL 440* Corrected Copy 4/3/91

Short Title: DSS Representatives. (Public			
Sponsors: Repres	entative Russell.		
Referred to: Hun	nan Resources.		
	April 1, 1991		
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
AN ACT TO A	LLOW REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY		
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY			
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES.			
The General Asse	embly of North Carolina enacts:		
Section	1. G.S. 108A-14 reads as rewritten:		
"§108A-14. Duti	es and responsibilities.		
	irector of social services shall have the following duties and		
responsibilities:			
()	To serve as executive officer of the board of social services and act as		
	its secretary;		
	To appoint necessary personnel of the county department of social		
	services in accordance with the merit system rules of the State		
	Personnel Commission;		
* *	To administer the programs of public assistance and social services		
	established by this Chapter under pertinent rules and regulations;		
	To administer funds provided by the board of commissioners for the		
	care of indigent persons in the county under policies approved by the		
	county board of social services; To act as agent of the Social Services Commission and Department of		
	Human Resources in relation to work required by the Social Services		

Commission and Department of Human Resources in the county;

1	(6)	To investigate cases for adoption and to supervise adoptive
2	()	placements;
3	(7)	To issue employment certificates to children under the regulations of
4	()	the State Department of Labor;
5	(8)	To supervise domiciliary homes for aged or disabled persons under the
6	, ,	rules and regulations of the Social Services Commission.
7	(9)	To assist and cooperate with the Department of Correction and their
8		representatives;
9	(10)	To act in conformity with the provisions of Article 7, Chapter 35 of the
10		General Statutes with regard to sterilization of mentally ill and
11		mentally retarded persons;
12	(11)	To investigate reports of child abuse and neglect and to take
13		appropriate action to protect such children pursuant to the Child Abuse
14		Reporting Law, Article 44 of Chapter 7A;
15	(12)	To accept children for placement in foster homes and to supervise
16		placements for so long as such children require foster home care; and
17	(13)	To respond by investigation and action to a request for written consent
18		to the plan of separation of a child under six months of age from its
19		custodial parent, pursuant to G.S. 14-320. G.S. 14-320; and
20	(14)	To receive and evaluate reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of
21		disabled adults and to take appropriate action as required by the
22 23		Protection of the Abused, Neglected, or Exploited Disabled Adults
		Act, Article 6 of this Chapter, to protect these adults.
24		lirector may delegate to one or more members of his staff the authority
25	to act as his re	epresentative. The director may limit the delegated authority of his
26	•	specific tasks or areas of expertise."
27		2. G.S. 108A-101(c) reads as rewritten:
28	, ,	vord 'director' shall mean the director of the county department of social
29		representative—in the county in which the person resides or is present.
30	•	epresentative as defined in G.S. 108A-14."
31	Sec. 3	6. G.S. 7A-517 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
32	"(29)	
33		county department of social services in the county in which the
34		juvenile resides or is found, or his representative as defined in G.S.
35		108A-14."
36	Sec. 4	I. This act is effective upon ratification.

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