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SENATE BILL 742

Short Title: Thomas S. Death Review/AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kerr.

Referred to: Children and Human Resources

April 17, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
2 RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATHS OF CERTAIN THOMAS S.
3 CLASS MEMBERS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 122C-112(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(14) Upon the death of any Thomas S. class member as identified in Thomas
8 S. et al. vs. Britt, (C-C-82-418, Western District) not residing in a State
9 facility listed in G.S. 122C-181, investigate the circumstances leading to
10 that death. The investigation shall analyze any unusual circumstances
11 relating to the death. The Secretary shall adopt rules to implement this
12 section. The Secretary shall have access to all medical records, hospital
13 records, and records maintained by this State. Any county, or any local
14 agency necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including
15 police investigations date, medical examiner investigative data, health
16 records, mental health records, and social services records."

17 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to deaths occurring
18 on or after this date.