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SENATE DRS75276-LU-50* (2/21)

Short Title: Amend Family Resource Ctr. Grant Program Laws-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Boseman.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE FAMILY SUPPORT GRANTS ARE PROVIDED TO COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT ONLY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT ARE RESEARCH-BASED AND HAVE BEEN EVALUATED FOR EFFECTIVENESS UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-152.10 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-152.10. Family Resource Center Grant Program; creation; purpose; intent.

(a) There is created in the Department of Health and Human Services the Family Resource Center Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to establish family resource centers~~implement family support programs that are research-based and have been evaluated for effectiveness~~ that provide services to children from birth through elementary school ages~~seventeen years of age~~ and to their families that:

(1) Enhance the children's development and ability to attain academic and social success;

(1a) Prevent child abuse and neglect by implementing program models that have been evaluated and found to improve outcomes for children and families;

(2) Ensure a successful transition from early childhood education programs and child care to the public schools;

(3) Assist families in achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency; and

(4) Mobilize public and private community resources to help children and families in need.

1 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to encourage and support broad-based
2 collaboration among public and private agencies and among people who reflect the
3 racial and socioeconomic diversity in communities to develop initiatives that (i) ~~prepare~~
4 ~~children to learn effectively and to have a successful school experience,~~improve
5 outcomes for children by preventing child abuse and neglect, (ii) enhance and
6 strengthen the ability of families to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of their
7 children, (iii) enhance the ability of families to become advocates for and supporters of
8 ~~education for~~ the children in their families, and ~~(iii)~~(iv) enhance the ability of families to
9 function as nurturing and effective family units.

10 (c) It is further the intent of the General Assembly that this program shall be
11 targeted to those neighborhoods that have disproportionately high levels of (i) children
12 who would be less likely to attain educational or social success, (ii) families with low
13 incomes, and (iii) crime and juvenile delinquency."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.