

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 427

Short Title: Jordyn's Law/Notify Noncustodial Parent/Abuse. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Krawiec, Randleman, Harrington (Primary Sponsors); and Bryant.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 29, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO
3 CONTACT A NONCUSTODIAL PARENT WHEN AN INVESTIGATION REVEALS
4 ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR DEPENDENCY INVOLVING THE CHILD OF THE
5 NONCUSTODIAL PARENT, WHEN APPROPRIATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** This act may be cited as "Jordyn's Law."

8 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 7B-302 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 "(c1) If an assessment indicates that abuse, neglect, or dependency has occurred, the
10 director shall make diligent efforts to contact the noncustodial parent regarding the allegations
11 of abuse, neglect, or dependency involving the juvenile, when applicable. However, the
12 director shall not contact the noncustodial parent regarding allegations of abuse, neglect, or
13 dependency when there is documented evidence that contacting the noncustodial parent would
14 present a safety threat or risk of harm to the juvenile and is not in the juvenile's best interest."

15 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

