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SENATE BILL 1361

Short Title: LRC Social Work Improvement/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Plexico; Gunter, Tally, Walker, and Ward.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION STUDY COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
3 SOCIAL WORK IMPROVEMENT.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. (a) The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of
7 the need for improvement in the way social work and social workers deal with child
8 abuse and neglect.

9 This study shall include:

- 10 (1) A determination of whether to amend the laws to give social workers
11 access to more information relating to child abuse and neglect from
12 other agencies that deal with at-risk families;
13 (2) A determination of whether to give social workers more latitude to act
14 with regard to child abuse and neglect;
15 (3) A determination of whether to provide more training to social workers
16 in dealing with child abuse and neglect; and
17 (4) A determination of whether an independent authority is needed to
18 review publicly the actions of the county departments of social
19 services regarding child abuse and neglect.

20 The Legislative Research Commission may make a final report of its study,
21 together with any legislative recommendations, to the 1995 General Assembly.

22 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly the
23 sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to implement this act.

24 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.