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SENATE BILL 332

Short Title: Foster Care Training/AB.

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Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Allran, Blust, Carpenter, Carrington, Clark, Dalton, Dannelly, Foxx, Horton, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Ledbetter, Martin of Guilford, McDaniel, Phillips, Rucho, Weinstein, Wellons, and Winner.

Referred to: Children & Human Resources.

March 10, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE COMPLETION OF FOSTER CARE TRAINING BY FOSTER PARENTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER A PROVISIONAL LICENSE IS ISSUED AND BY FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SOCIAL WORKERS WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER ASSUMING DSS DUTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 131D-10.6A is repealed.
Section 2. Chapter 131D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 131D-10.3B. Training and continuing education of foster parents and certain foster care and adoption social workers required.

(a) Foster parents shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of preservice training either prior to licensure, or within six months from the date a provisional license is issued pursuant to G.S. 131D-10.3(f). Foster parents shall complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education every year.

(b) Foster care and adoption social workers shall complete a minimum of 84 hours of preservice training within six months of assuming the duties of a foster care or adoption social worker in a county department of social services. Foster care and

1 adoption social workers employed by county departments of social services shall
2 complete a minimum of 18 hours of continuing education every year.

3 (c) The Department of Human Resources shall provide for in-house training to
4 ensure that the requirements of this section are met."

5 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.