

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

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**HOUSE BILL 286**

Short Title: Permanency Innovation Initiative/SaySo/Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Potts, Hardister, Sasser, and Ball (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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March 7, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE  
AND THE SAYSO PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to provide additional funds for the Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund in accordance with G.S. 131D-10.9B. Funds provided pursuant to this section shall be supplemented, not supplanted, by all available federal matching funds.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to Children's Home Society of North Carolina for the SaySo (Strong Able Youth Speaking Out) program, a statewide association of youth aged 14 through 24 who are, or have been, in the out-of-home care system in North Carolina, including foster care, group homes, and mental health placements.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.



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