

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 696

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

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Goodwin, Barnhart, Parmon (Primary Sponsors);
Alexander, Carney, Harrison, Insko, Lucas, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Ways and Means.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ENSURE FAMILY SUPPORT GRANTS ARE PROVIDED TO
2 COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT ONLY FAMILY
3 SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT ARE RESEARCH-BASED AND HAVE BEEN
4 EVALUATED FOR EFFECTIVENESS UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO
5 THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

9 "**§ 143B-152.10. Family Resource Center Grant Program; creation; purpose;**
10 **intent.**

11 (a) There is created in the Department of Health and Human Services the Family
12 Resource Center Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to
13 ~~establish family resource centers~~implement family support programs that are
14 research-based and have been evaluated for effectiveness that provide services to
15 children from birth through ~~elementary school age~~17 years of age and to their families
16 that:

- 17 (1) Enhance the children's development and ability to attain academic and
18 social success;
- 19 (1a) Prevent child abuse and neglect by implementing program models that
20 have been evaluated and found to improve outcomes for children and
21 families;
- 22 (2) Ensure a successful transition from early childhood education
23 programs and child care to the public schools;
- 24 (3) Assist families in achieving economic independence and
25 self-sufficiency; and
- 26 (4) Mobilize public and private community resources to help children and
27 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.