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SECTION 12C.6.(c) G.S. 131D-10.9A reads as rewritten:

"§ 131D-10.9A. Permanency Innovation Initiative Oversight Committee created.

(a) Creation and Membership. – The Permanency Innovation Initiative Oversight Committee is established. The Committee shall be located administratively in the General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of ~~11~~12 members serving staggered terms. In making appointments, each appointing authority shall select members who have appropriate experience and knowledge of the issues to be examined by the Committee and shall strive to ensure racial, gender, and geographical diversity among the membership. The initial Committee members shall be appointed on or after July 1, 2013, as follows:

- (1) Four members shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Of the members appointed under this subdivision, at least one shall be a member of the judiciary who shall serve for a term of two years and at least one shall be a representative from the Children's Home Society of North Carolina who shall serve for a term of three years. One member of the House shall be appointed for a one-year term. The remaining appointee shall serve a one-year term.
- (2) Four members shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Of the members appointed under this subdivision, at least one shall be a representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, who shall serve for a term of two years and at least one shall be a representative from The Duke Endowment who shall serve for a term of three years. One member of the Senate shall be appointed for a one-year term. The remaining appointee shall serve a one-year term.
- (3) ~~Three~~Four members shall be appointed by the Governor. Of the members appointed under this subdivision, at least one shall be a representative from a county department of social services who shall serve for a term of ~~three years and years,~~ at least one shall be a representative from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who shall serve for a term of ~~two years-years,~~ and at least one shall be a representative from Youth Villages who shall serve for a term of two years. The remaining member shall serve a one-year term.

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(c) Purpose and Powers. – The Committee shall:

- (1) Design and implement a data tracking methodology to collect and analyze information to gauge the success of the ~~initiative-initiative~~ established under this section as well as an initiative for foster care youth transitioning to adulthood in accordance with Part 3 of this Article.
- (2) Develop a methodology to identify short- and long-term cost-savings in the provision of foster care and foster care transitional living services and any potential reinvestment strategies.
- (3) Oversee program implementation to ensure fidelity to the program models identified under subdivisions (1) and (2) of ~~G.S. 131D-10.9B(a).~~G.S. 131D-10.9B(a) and under subdivisions (1) through (4) of G.S. 131D-10.9G(a).
- (4) Study, review, and recommend other policies and services that may positively impact ~~permanency and well-being outcomes-permanency, well-being outcomes,~~ and youth aging out of the foster care system.

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FEDERAL CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

SECTION 12C.7.(a) Centralized Services. – The North Carolina Child Support Services Section (NCCSS) of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall retain up to fifteen percent (15%) of the annual federal incentive payments it receives from the federal government to enhance centralized child support services. To accomplish this requirement, NCCSS shall do the following:

- (1) In consultation with representatives from county child support services programs, identify how federal incentive funding could improve centralized services.
- (2) Use federal incentive funds to improve the effectiveness of the State's centralized child support services by supplementing and not supplanting State expenditures for those services.
- (3) Develop and implement rules that explain the State process for calculating and distributing federal incentive funding to county child support services programs.

SECTION 12C.7.(b) County Child Support Services Programs. – NCCSS shall allocate no less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the annual federal incentive payments it receives from the federal government to county child support services programs to improve effectiveness and efficiency using the federal performance measures. To that end, NCCSS shall do the following:

- (1) In consultation with representatives from county child support services programs, examine the current methodology for distributing federal incentive funding to the county programs and determine whether an alternative formula would be appropriate. NCCSS shall use its current formula for distributing federal incentive funding until an alternative formula is adopted.
- (2) Upon adopting an alternative formula, develop a process to phase-in the alternative formula for distributing federal incentive funding over a four-year period.

SECTION 12C.7.(c) Reporting by County Child Support Services Programs. – NCCSS shall establish guidelines that identify appropriate uses for federal incentive funding. To ensure those guidelines are properly followed, NCCSS shall require county child support services programs to comply with each of the following:

- (1) Submit an annual plan describing how federal incentive funding would improve program effectiveness and efficiency as a condition of receiving federal incentive funding.
- (2) Report annually on: (i) how federal incentive funding has improved program effectiveness and efficiency and been reinvested into their programs, (ii) provide documentation that the funds were spent according to their annual plans, and (iii) explain any deviations from their plans.

SECTION 12C.7.(d) Plan/Report by NCCSS. – The NCCSS shall develop a plan to implement the requirements of this section. Prior to implementing the plan, NCCSS shall submit a progress report on the plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by February 1, 2016.

After implementing the plan, NCCSS shall submit a report on federal child support incentive funding to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by November 1 of each year. The report shall describe how federal incentive funds enhanced centralized child support services to benefit county child support services programs and improved the effectiveness and efficiency of county child support services programs. The report shall further include any changes to the State process the NCCSS used in calculating and distributing federal incentive funding to county child support services programs and any recommendations for further changes.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE/REVISE STATEWIDE EVALUATION REPORT DATE

SECTION 12C.8. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall report on the findings and recommendations from the comprehensive, statewide evaluation of the State's child protective services system required by Section 12C.1(f) of S.L. 2014-100 to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before March 1, 2016.

FOSTERING SUCCESS/EXTEND FOSTER CARE TO 21 YEARS OF AGE

SECTION 12C.9.(a) G.S. 108A-48 reads as rewritten:
"§ 108A-48. State Foster Care Benefits Program.