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HOUSE BILL 611
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/19/17

Short Title: Clarify Objective/Child Protective Services.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 10, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE OBJECTIVE OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND
3 WHAT CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ENCOMPASSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-300 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 7B-300. Protective services.**

7 (a) The director of the department of social services in each county of the State shall
8 establish protective services for juveniles alleged to be abused, neglected, or dependent. The
9 primary objective of protective services is to protect juveniles and provide for the safety and
10 well-being of juveniles.

11 (b) Protective services shall include each of the screening following:

12 (1) Screening of reports, the reports in accordance with instructions provided by
13 the Department of Health and Human Services.

14 (2) The performance of an assessment using either a family assessment response
15 or an investigative assessment response, casework, or other counseling
16 response.

17 (3) Casework.

18 (4) Counseling services to juveniles, parents, guardians, or other caretakers as
19 provided by the director to help the parents, guardians, or other caretakers
20 and the court (i) to prevent abuse or neglect, (ii) to improve the quality of
21 child care, (iii) to be more adequate make more suitable decisions as parents,
22 guardians, or caretakers, and (iv) to better meet the needs of juveniles, (v) to
23 preserve and stabilize family life, and (vi) to sustain the long-term care
24 and safety of juveniles."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

