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HOUSE BILL DRH50079-LU-65A (03/02)

Short Title: Rylan's Law/CPS Observation. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Boles, Stevens, Rogers, and McNeill (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO  
3 OBSERVE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, CUSTODIAN, OR CARETAKER FOR WHOM  
4 ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR DEPENDENCY HAVE BEEN  
5 SUBSTANTIATED FOR A MINIMUM NUMBER OF VISITS BEFORE RETURN OF  
6 CUSTODY TO THAT PERSON.  
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-903.1(c) reads as rewritten:  
9 "(c) If a juvenile is removed from the home and placed in the custody or placement  
10 responsibility of a county department of social services, the director shall not allow  
11 unsupervised visitation with or return physical custody of the juvenile to the parent, guardian,  
12 custodian, or caretaker without a hearing at which the court finds that the juvenile will receive  
13 proper care and supervision in a safe home. Before the county department of social services  
14 may recommend return of physical custody of the juvenile to the parent, guardian, custodian, or  
15 caretaker from whom the juvenile was removed, the county department of social services shall  
16 observe that parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker with the juvenile for at least two  
17 successful visits and provide documentation of the successful visits to the court for its  
18 consideration. Each observation visit shall be conducted at least seven days apart. For purposes  
19 of this subsection, a "successful visit" shall consist of an observation of no less than one hour  
20 with the juvenile or juveniles subject to the abuse, neglect, or dependency present for the  
21 duration of each visit."  
22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

