

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 636*

Short Title: Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Krawiec, and Harrington (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 4, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE RATES FOR FOSTER CARE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR
3 THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 108A-49.1 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 108A-49.1. Foster care and adoption assistance payment rates.**

7 (a) The maximum rates for State participation in the foster care assistance program are
8 established on a graduated scale as follows:

9 (1) ~~\$475.00-\$514.00~~ per child per month for children from birth through five
10 years of age.

11 (2) ~~\$581.00-\$654.00~~ per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.

12 (3) ~~\$634.00-\$698.00~~ per child per month for children at least 13 but less than 21
13 years of age.

14 (b) The maximum rates for the State adoption assistance program are established
15 consistent with the foster care rates as follows:

16 (1) ~~\$475.00-\$514.00~~ per child per month for children from birth through five
17 years of age.

18 (2) ~~\$581.00-\$654.00~~ per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.

19 (3) ~~\$634.00-\$698.00~~ per child per month for children at least 13 but less than 21
20 years of age.

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22 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 108A-49.1, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, reads
23 as rewritten:

24 "**§ 108A-49.1. Foster care and adoption assistance payment rates.**

25 (a) The maximum rates for State participation in the foster care assistance program are
26 established on a graduated scale as follows:

27 (1) ~~\$475.00-\$553.00~~ per child per month for children from birth through five
28 years of age.

29 (2) ~~\$581.00-\$727.00~~ per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.

30 (3) ~~\$634.00-\$761.00~~ per child per month for children at least 13 but less than 21
31 years of age.

32 (b) The maximum rates for the State adoption assistance program are established
33 consistent with the foster care rates as follows:

34 (1) ~~\$475.00-\$553.00~~ per child per month for children from birth through five
35 years of age.

36 (2) ~~\$581.00-\$727.00~~ per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.



1 (3) ~~\$634.00~~\$761.00 per child per month for children at least 13 but less than 21
2 years of age.
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4 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of six million eight hundred
6 sixty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$6,868,758) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
7 to implement the foster care and adoption rate increases provided for in this act.
8 **SECTION 3.** Section 1(a) of this act becomes effective July 1, 2020. Section 1(b) of
9 this act becomes effective July 1, 2021. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2019. The
10 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.