

## **Selected Bills Eligible for Consideration in the 2010 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly**

*These bills have not been enacted but may be considered in the 2010 session:*

### **Unattended Children in Vehicles. H 827.**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/House/PDF/H827v2.pdf>

Adds new G.S. 14-308.5 making it unlawful for a parent or other person responsible for a child younger than nine years of age to leave the child unsupervised (by someone at least 14 years of age) in a motor vehicle under specified conditions.

### **Expand Access to Services of Confidential Intermediaries. H 1463.**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/House/PDF/H1463v3.pdf>

In the adoption law, rewrites G.S 48-9-104 to expand the categories of individuals for whom confidential intermediaries may act to obtain and share nonidentifying birth family health information, facilitate contact, or share identifying information, and makes related changes.

### **Set Aside Paternity Determination and Terminate Child Support in Limited Circumstances. H 307 (original bill identical to S 587).**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/House/PDF/H307v3.pdf>

Rewrites G.S. 49-14 and G.S. 110-132 to provide that a trial court may set aside an order of paternity or affidavit of parentage and terminate future child support obligations of the putative father if (1) the paternity order or affidavit was entered as the result of fraud, duress, mutual mistake, or excusable neglect; and (2) genetic tests establish that the putative father is not the child's biological father.

### **Continue Child Support to Age 21 for College Students. S 143.**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S143v1.pdf>

Rewrites G.S. 50-13.4(c) to provide that if a child is attending a community college or college or university as a full-time student, payments ordered for the support of that child shall continue until the child reaches age 21, unless the child stops attending school on a regular basis or fails to make satisfactory academic progress towards graduation.

### **Study of Raising Compulsory Attendance Age. H 188 (original bill identical to S 320).**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/House/PDF/H188v2.pdf>

Directs the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, in coordination with the Department of Public Instruction and the N.C. Independent Colleges and Universities, to direct the appropriate entity to study the impacts of raising the compulsory public school attendance age from 16 to 17 or 18, and to report its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2009.

**Maintain Medicaid Eligibility after Social Security Increase. S 354.**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S354v3.pdf>

Directs the Division of Medical Assistance in the Department of Health and Human Services to take steps to implement a policy that will prevent Medicaid recipients from losing Medicaid eligibility when Social Security and Railroad Retirement Cost of Living Adjustments and the annual Federal Poverty Level adjustment cause a Medicaid recipient to become income-eligible for Medicaid benefits. Includes appropriation contingent on the State Plan amendment's being approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Pooled Trusts and Estate Recovery under Medicaid. S 704.**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S704v1.pdf>

Rewrites various parts of G.S. Chapter 36D, "North Carolina Community Trust for Disabled Persons" (formerly, "for Persons with Severe Chronic Disabilities").

**Any State Judge or Justice May Perform Marriage Ceremonies. S 59.**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S59v1.pdf>

Rewrites G.S. 51-1 to authorize judges and justices of the trial court and appellate divisions of the General Court of Justice to perform marriage ceremonies.

**Local Ordinance May Authorize Mayor to Perform Marriages. S 992.**

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S992v1.pdf>

Rewrites G.S. 51-1 to provide that marriage ceremonies may be performed by a mayor who is authorized by local ordinance to solemnize marriages.

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