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HOUSE BILL 286

Short Title: Permanency Innovation Initiative/SaySo/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Potts, Hardister, Sasser, and Ball (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 7, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE
AND THE SAYSO PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to provide additional funds for the Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund in accordance with G.S. 131D-10.9B. Funds provided pursuant to this section shall be supplemented, not supplanted, by all available federal matching funds.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to Children's Home Society of North Carolina for the SaySo (Strong Able Youth Speaking Out) program, a statewide association of youth aged 14 through 24 who are, or have been, in the out-of-home care system in North Carolina, including foster care, group homes, and mental health placements.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

