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[H179](https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/767/0/DRH50000-MG-62B)  **Amend HIE Participation Enforcement Mechanism**

* This bill would impose a civil penalty on a subset of providers if they do not connected to the HIE.
* This bill would amend the prior legislation on HIE connectivity
* Note:  The amendments [civil penalty] would apply ONLY to hospitals, Medicaid providers, State-funded providers, and LME/MCOs.  The previous voluntary and exempt connectivity provisions for select provider categories would stay in place.

[House Bill 212](https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/890/0/DRH10070-LUa-32A) has the short title **Social Services Reform**. The bill would require:

* Establishment of 7 DSS regions with home-based and some office-based staff
* Partial implementation by 3/1/2022
* Procurement of physical regional offices by 3/2023
* Full implementation by 3/2024
* DHHS collaboration with the NC Assoc. of County Boards of Social Services, Association of NC County Social Services Directors, NC Association of County Commissioners, and the UNC School of Government
* An NC court system feasibility and cost study for a proposed child support tribunal
* And more

[H205](https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/880/0/DRH30094-MT-62)     **Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools**

* Would require the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to adopt a policy to be implemented by the governing body of each public secondary school to provide students in grades six through 12 with information on child abuse and neglect, including age-appropriate information on sexual abuse.
* Would require Charter School implementation of the State Board’s policy also.
* Would require a document provided to all students at the beginning of each school year and a display posted in visible, high-traffic areas throughout each public secondary school
  + Content requirements include the county DSS telephone number for reporting abuse and neglect.
* The requirements would begin with the 2021-2022 school year.

[H209](https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/884/0/DRH10086-MRa-61A)  **Support Statewide Telepsychiatry Program**

* This bill would appropriate $1M recurring to the Office of Rural Health, DHHS
* Funding would go to the East Carolina University Center for Telepsychiatry and e-Behavioral Health
* Funding would establish five new NC-STeP program sites in underserved areas across the State

[H215](https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2021/899/0/DRH10090-LUa-28B)   **Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford** [*Sandhills LME catchment area*]

The bill would appropriate $1M nonrecurring funding for State Fiscal Years 2022 – 2027 for the building, testing, and improving of an integrated data system technology for the purpose of providing empirical data for decision-making and in furtherance of securing funding for future phases with the Duke Endowment and Blue Meridian Partners for the Get Ready Guilford Initiative.