

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Letter in Opposition – Senate Bill 156/House Bill 340

PRESENTER: Commissioner Lapsley

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Senate Bill 156

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Senate Bill 156/House Bill 340 entitled “An Act Authorizing the Children and Families Specialty Plan as an Additional Medicaid Managed Care Plan and Making Other Changes to Related Statutes Governing Medicaid Managed Care” was filed on February 23rd, 2023. The Board is requested to approve the attached letter in opposition to the bill, and authorize Staff to transmit it to all Henderson County legislators.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Letter in Opposition as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Letter in Opposition to Senate Bill 156/House Bill 340 as presented.

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Senator Tim Moffitt
16 West Jones Street, Rm. 2111
Raleigh, NC 27601

Re: Letter in Opposition to Senate Bill 156/House Bill 340

Dear Senator Moffitt,

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We recognize that improvements to the foster care system are important to all communities. However, we believe that local decisions should be made locally, by officials who know their communities better than a single organization. Working with DHHS to address the unique challenges specific to each county allows for a system of more stable and personalized care, provided locally.

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