

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 600

Short Title: Establishing Paternity Revisions. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mayfield and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 6, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN
BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 29-19 reads as rewritten:

"§ 29-19. Succession by, through and from children born out of wedlock.

(a) For purposes of intestate succession, a child born out of wedlock shall be treated as if that child were the legitimate child of the child's mother, so that the child and the child's lineal descendants are entitled to take by, through and from the child's mother and the child's other maternal kindred, both descendants and collaterals, and they are entitled to take from the child.

(b) For purposes of intestate succession, a child born out of wedlock shall be entitled to take by, through and from:

(1) Any person who has been finally adjudged to be the father of the child pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 49-1 through 49-9 or the provisions of G.S. 49-14 through ~~49-16~~; G.S. 49-16.

(2) Any person who has acknowledged himself during his own lifetime and the child's lifetime to be the father of the child in a written instrument executed or acknowledged before a certifying officer named in ~~G.S. 52-10(b) and filed during his own lifetime and the child's lifetime in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county where either he or the child resides.~~ G.S. 52-10(b).

(3) A person who died prior to or within one year after the birth of the child and who can be established to have been the father of the child by DNA testing.

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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