

February 25, 1999

H 160. INCREASE CHILD ABUSE PENALTY. *TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR CHILD ABUSE THAT RESULTS IN A PERMANENT AND DEBILITATING INJURY.* GS 14-318.4 now makes child abuse a Class E felony. This bill makes that offense a Class C felony if the injury is permanent and debilitating. Effective Dec. 1, 1999.

Intro. by Goodwin.

Ref. to Judiciary III

GS 14

March 15, 1999

H 160. INCREASE CHILD ABUSE PENALTY. Intro. 2/25/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes crime to intentionally inflict "extreme" debilitating injury (quoted language added) and defines extreme debilitating injury as substantial risk of death, serious permanent disfigurement, coma, permanent or protracted loss of the function of any bodily member or any mental or emotional function, or prolonged hospitalization.

March 22, 1999

H 160. INCREASE CHILD ABUSE PENALTY. Intro. 2/25/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes.

July 12, 1999

H 160. INCREASE CHILD ABUSE PENALTY. Intro. 2/25/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Provides that increased punishment applies to intentionally inflicting serious bodily injury (was, extreme debilitating injury) on the child, committing assault which results in serious bodily injury or permanent or protracted loss of impairment of mental or emotional function.