

May 20, 2008

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To be summarized in tomorrow's *Daily Bulletin*.

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Amends GS 14-318.2 to make child abuse a class A1 misdemeanor (presently, it is a class 1 misdemeanor). Amends GS 14-318.4 to provide for: (1) a class E felony, if a child suffers a serious bodily injury as a result of a parent's or other person's willful act or omission in the care of the child that is so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show reckless disregard for human life, and (2) a class G felony, if a child suffers a serious physical injury as a result of a parent's or other person's willful act or omission in the care of the child that is so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show reckless disregard for human life. Define *serious bodily injury* and *serious physical injury*. Makes technical changes. Effective December 1, 2008.

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**H 2339. AMEND CHILD ABUSE/CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE.** Filed 5/20/08. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Inserts language in proposed GS 14-318.4(a4) and (a5) to clarify that the subsections apply to acts or omissions against children that are under 16 years of age.