

April 9, 2009

**H 1414. THE YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.** Filed 4/9/09. *TO DEFINE DELINQUENT JUVENILE AS A JUVENILE WHO IS BETWEEN SIX YEARS OF AGE AND EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO COMMITS A CRIME OR INFRACTION AND TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.*

Amends GS 7B-1501(7), GS 143B-515(7), GS 7B-1601, and GS 7B-1604 as the title indicates. Current law defines a delinquent juvenile as a juvenile between the ages of 6 and 16 who commits a crime or infraction. Effective December 1, 2011, and applies to acts or offenses committed on or after that date. Establishes a seventeen-member Task Force for Juvenile Justice Administration within the Office of the Governor and specifies the task force's membership and duties, including the legal, systematic, and organizational impact of expanding the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to include persons aged 16 or 17 who commit crimes or infractions. Requires the task force to submit an interim report to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly and a final report to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the public by January 15, 2011.

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GS 7B, 143B, STUDY

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**H 1414. THE YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.** Filed 4/9/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Effective June 30, 2012, amends laws regarding delinquent juveniles to include within the definition of *delinquent* juvenile a juvenile who while less than 16 years of age but at least 6 years of age commits a crime or infraction involving violation of the motor vehicle laws under state law or a local government ordinance. Effective June 30, 2012, amends laws regarding delinquent juveniles to include within the definition of *delinquent* juvenile a juvenile who while less than 16 ½ years of age but at least 6 years of age commits a crime or infraction under state law or a local government ordinance. Effective June 30, 2013, increases the maximum age from 16 ½ years to 17 years. Effective June 30, 2014, increases the maximum age from 17 years to 17 ½ years. Effective June 30, 2015, increases the maximum age from 17 ½ years to 18 years.

Increases the membership of the Task Force for Juvenile Administration (Task Force), established in the 1st edition, to 21 members (was, 17). Directs the Task Force to develop a plan of implementation to expand the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP) to include persons 16 and 17 years of age who commit crimes or infractions other than those relating to motor vehicles (was, directed the Task Force to study issues related to juvenile justice administration and analyze the legal, systematic, and organizational impact of expanding the jurisdiction of the DJJDP to include 16- and 17-year-olds who commit crimes or infractions under state law or an ordinance of local government).

Requires the Task Force to submit copies of its interim report to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee and to the Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety of both houses. Allows the DJJDP to use appropriated funds to carry out the Task Force's study and to implement the act.