



HOUSE BILL 648: Disposition placement/Findings of Fact.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary 2. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 14, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 648 would amend G.S. 7B-903 to do the following:*

- *Require written findings of fact supporting findings or determinations made by the judge pursuant to 7B-903.*
- *Clarify that the judge may consider and compare all placement options when the juvenile has been placed outside of the home with a nonrelative when determining whether placement with a relative would be contrary to the juvenile's best interest.*
- *Make technical changes.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 7B-903 does not specifically require that the court make written findings of fact to support the required findings or determinations made by the court.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 648 would do the following:

- Require the court to make written findings of fact supporting the findings or determinations made pursuant to G.S. 7B-903.
- Clarify that the judge may consider and compare all placement options when the juvenile has been placed outside of the home with a nonrelative when determining whether placement with a relative would be contrary to the juvenile's best interest.
- Make technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective on October 1, 2025, and apply to actions filed on or after that date.

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