



HOUSE BILL 347: No Delinquent/Undisciplined Under 10 Yrs Old.

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OVERVIEW: *The PCS to House Bill 347 modifies the definitions of delinquent juvenile and undisciplined juvenile to include only juveniles at least 10 years of age.*

The PCS adds a conforming change and corrects a drafting error.

CURRENT LAW: Subchapter II (Undisciplined and Delinquent Juveniles) of Chapter 7B (Juvenile Code) of the General Statutes does the following:

- Protects the public from acts of delinquency.
- Deters delinquency and crime.
- Provides an effective system of intake services for the screening and evaluation of complaints.
- Provides uniform procedures of fairness and equity that protect the constitutional rights of juveniles, parents, and victims.

BILL ANALYSIS: This PCS to House Bill 347 does the following:

Section 1(a) amends the definitions of "delinquent juvenile" and "undisciplined juvenile" in the Juvenile Code to include juveniles who are less than 16 years old, but over 10 years old.

Section 1(b) makes a conforming change by amending the definitions of "delinquent juvenile" and "undisciplined juvenile" in the statutes governing the Department of Public Safety to include juveniles who are less than 16 years old, but over 10 years old.

Section 1(c) makes Section 1 effective when it becomes law and applicable to delinquent or undisciplined acts committed on or after that date.

Section 2 makes a conforming change to repeal a statute concerning secure custody of juveniles under the age of 10 found to need an evaluation for medical or psychiatric treatment, but who do not have a pending delinquency matter.

Section 3 makes a conforming change to remove language referencing juveniles 10 years of age or older from the statute governing fingerprinting and photographing of juveniles.

Section 4 makes a conforming change to remove language referencing juveniles at least 10 years of age from the statute on commitment of juveniles to the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

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