



HOUSE BILL 617: Allow Repeat Referral to Teen Court.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 617 would allow a juvenile court counselor to refer a juvenile to teen court as part of a diversion plan even if the teen had been referred to teen court previously.*

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 7B-1706

A juvenile court counselor may divert a juvenile alleged to have committed certain acts of delinquency, to teen court if that juvenile has not previously been referred to teen court.

G.S. 7B-1501

The teen court program is a community resource that provides a diversion from the juvenile court process by providing a trial by a jury of a juvenile's peers.

G.S. 143B-809

If the jury of the juvenile's peers finds the juvenile has committed the delinquent act alleged, the jury may assign the juvenile to a rehabilitative sanction including counseling, restitution, curfews, and community service.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 617 would allow a juvenile court counselor to refer a juvenile to teen court despite the juvenile having been referred to teen court previously.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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