



HOUSE BILL 617: Allow Repeat Referral to Teen Court.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 14, 2019
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 617 eliminates the prohibition on referring a juvenile to a teen court program if the juvenile has been referred to a teen court program previously.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 7B-1706(c) provides the circumstances under which a juvenile court counselor may refer a juvenile to a teen court program. A juvenile court counselor may refer a juvenile to a teen court program in cases where the juvenile is alleged to have committed an offense that would be an infraction or misdemeanor if committed by an adult.

Under current law, a juvenile court counselor may not refer a juvenile to a teen court program if the juvenile has 1) been referred to a teen court program previously, or 2) is alleged to have committed any of the following offenses:

- Driving while impaired;
- A Class A1 misdemeanor;
- An assault in which a weapon is used; or
- A controlled substance offense under the NC Controlled Substances Act other than a simple possession of a Schedule VI drug or alcohol.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 617 removes the prohibition on referring a juvenile to a teen court program if the juvenile has been referred to a teen court program previously.

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

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