

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1979 SESSION

CHAPTER 1283
HOUSE BILL 1719

AN ACT TO CREATE THE JUVENILE LAW STUDY COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A new Article is added to 7A of the General Statutes to read as follows:
"ARTICLE 58.

"Juvenile Law Study Commission.

"§ 7A-740. **Creation; members; terms; qualifications; vacancies.** — The Juvenile Law Study Commission is hereby created. It shall consist of 15 voting members, 11 to be appointed by the Governor, two by the President of the Senate, and two by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Of the members appointed by the Governor, two shall be district court judges, one from an urban district, one from a rural. Three shall be a Chief Court Counsellor and two Court Counsellors representing the Intake Division, one from an urban district, one from a rural. Two shall be from Social Services, one from the State level and one from the county. One shall be from the Division of Youth Services. One shall be from a local facility of Community Based Alternatives. One shall be from Law Enforcement. One shall be from the North Carolina Juvenile Detention Association. The district court judges and the Social Services members shall serve for three years. The Chief Court Counsellor and the Court Counsellors shall serve for two years. The representatives from the Division of Youth Services, Law Enforcement, Community Based Alternatives, and the Juvenile Detention Association shall serve for one year. Two of the legislative members shall serve for four-year terms; two shall serve for two years. All initial terms shall begin July 1, 1980. A vacancy in membership shall be filled by the appointing authority who made the initial appointment. When the members' terms expire, their successors shall serve for the same length of time their predecessors served. A member whose term expires may be reappointed.

"§ 7A-741. **Duties.** — It shall be the duty of the Commission to make continuing studies of the law, both statutory and judicial, as it pertains to juveniles, of agency services available to juveniles and their families, and of any other matters the Commission identifies as being of importance to State consideration of juveniles. The Commission shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before the first day of each full session. The report shall be in writing and shall set forth the Commission's findings, conclusions, and recommendations including any proposed legislation.

"§ 7A-742. **Chairman; meetings; compensation of members.** — The Governor shall appoint a chairman. The term of the chairman is two years and he may be reappointed. The Commission shall meet at such times and places as the chairman shall designate. The facilities of the State Legislative Building shall be available to the Commission, subject to approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Legislative members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set out in G.S. 120-3.1. Members of the Commission who are not officers or employees of the State shall receive compensation and reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses at the rates specified in G.S. 138-5. Members of the Commission who are officers or employees of the State shall receive reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses at the rate set out in G.S. 138-6.

"§ 7A-744. **Supporting services.** — The Commission may solicit, employ, or contract for technical assistance and clerical assistance, and may purchase or contract for the materials and services it needs. Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the staff resources of the Legislative Services Commission shall be available to this Commission without cost except for travel, subsistence, supplies, and materials."

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Juvenile Law Study Commission the sum of ten thousand one hundred ten dollars (\$10,110) for the fiscal year 1980-81 to carry out the purpose of this Article.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1980.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 25th day of June, 1980.