



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 27 - PROSTITUTION

N.C.G.S. § 14-205.1.

Solicitation of prostitution.

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§ 14-205.1(a)

CLASS I / H / G / E
FELONY

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who solicits another for the purpose of prostitution is guilty of a Class I felony for a first offense and a Class H felony for a second or subsequent offense. This subsection shall not apply to the person engaging in prostitution, as defined in G.S. 14-203(5). Any person 18 years of age or older who willfully solicits a minor for the purpose of prostitution is guilty of a Class G felony. Any person who willfully solicits a person who has a severe or profound mental disability for the purpose of prostitution is guilty of a Class E felony. Punishment under this section may include participation in a program devised for the education and prevention of sexual exploitation (i.e. "John School"), where available. A person who violates this subsection is not eligible for a disposition of prayer for judgment continued under any circumstances.

§ 14-205.1(b)

Immunity From Prosecution for Minors. - Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if it is determined, after a reasonable detention for investigative purposes, that a person suspected of or charged with a violation of this section is a minor who is soliciting as a prostitute, that person shall be immune from prosecution under this section and instead shall be taken into temporary protective custody as an undisciplined juvenile pursuant to Article 19 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes. Pursuant to G.S. 7B-301, a law enforcement officer who takes a minor into custody under this section shall immediately report an allegation of a violation of G.S. 14-43.11 and G.S. 14-43.13 to the director of the department of social services in the county where the minor resides or is found, as appropriate, which shall commence an initial investigation into child abuse or child neglect within 24 hours pursuant to G.S. 7B-301 and G.S. 7B-302. (2013-368, s. 5; 2015-183, s. 1; 2018-47, s. 4(e); 2024-26, s. 4(a).)

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APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-203(5)	(a)	<i>"engaging in prostitution, as defined in"</i>
G.S. 7B-301	(b)	<i>"of the General Statutes. Pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 14-43.11	(b)	<i>"an allegation of a violation of"</i>
G.S. 14-43.13	(b)	<i>"a violation of G.S. 14-43.11 and"</i>
G.S. 7B-302	(b)	<i>"hours pursuant to G.S. 7B-301 and"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-205.1 (2026).

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