



CHAPTER 15A

ARTICLE 52 - MOTIONS PRACTICE

N.C.G.S. § 15A-960.

Removal of juveniles charged with committing Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony offenses at age 16 and 17.

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§ 15A-960(a)

Any time after an indictment has been returned or a criminal information has been issued for a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony, excluding offenses constituting violations of the motor vehicle laws under Chapter 20 of the General Statutes, and before the jury is sworn and impaneled, the superior court shall order the removal of the action to juvenile court upon joint motion of the prosecutor and the defendant's attorney. The order shall be in writing and shall require the chief court counselor or his or her designee to file a juvenile petition in the case within 10 calendar days after removal is ordered. The prosecutor shall provide the chief court counselor or his or her designee with a copy of the joint motion prior to submitting the motion to the court.

§ 15A-960(b)

The superior court shall expunge the criminal charges and superior court record in accordance with G.S. 15A-145.8 at the time of removal and, if the defendant meets the criteria established in G.S. 7B-1903, may issue an order for secure custody upon the request of a prosecutor. The prosecutor shall provide a copy of any issued secure custody order to the chief court counselor or his or her designee, as soon as possible and no more than 24 hours after the order is issued.

§ 15A-960(c)

If the superior court removes the case to juvenile court for adjudication and the juvenile has been granted pretrial release as provided in G.S. 15A-533 and G.S. 15A-534, the obligor shall be released from the juvenile's bond upon the superior

court's review of whether the juvenile shall be placed in secure custody as provided in G.S. 7B-1903. (2024-17, s. 3(b); 2025-54, s. 10(c).)

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APPARATUS II
4 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. 15A-145.8	(b)	"superior court record in accordance with"
G.S. 7B-1903	(b)	"defendant meets the criteria established in"
G.S. 15A-533	(c)	"granted pretrial release as provided in"
G.S. 15A-534	(c)	"as provided in G.S. 15A-533 and"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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