



CHAPTER 7B
ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSES; DEFINITIONS; LIMITATION

N.C.G.S. § 7B-100.

Purpose.

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This Subchapter shall be interpreted and construed so as to implement the following purposes and policies:

To provide procedures for the hearing of juvenile cases that assure fairness and equity and that protect the constitutional rights of juveniles and parents;

To develop a disposition in each juvenile case that reflects consideration of the facts, the needs and limitations of the juvenile, and the strengths and weaknesses of the family.

To provide for services for the protection of juveniles by means that respect both the right to family autonomy and the juveniles' needs for safety, continuity, and permanence; and

To provide standards for the removal, when necessary, of juveniles from their homes and for the return of juveniles to their homes consistent with preventing the unnecessary or inappropriate separation of juveniles from their parents.

To provide standards, consistent with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, P.L. 105-89, for ensuring that the best interests of the juvenile are of paramount consideration by the court and that when it is not in the juvenile's best interest to be returned home, the juvenile will be placed in a safe, permanent home within a reasonable amount of time.

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03	1998	S.L. 1998-202, s. 6			AMENDED
04	1999	S.L. 1999-456, s. 60			AMENDED
05	2003	S.L. 2003-140, s. 5			AMENDED

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