



CHAPTER 7B
ARTICLE 12 - GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

N.C.G.S. § 7B-1203.

Alternative plans.

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A district court district shall be granted a waiver from the implementation of a local program if the Administrative Office of the Courts determines that the following conditions are met:

An alternative plan has been developed to provide adequate guardian ad litem services for every juvenile consistent with the duties stated in G.S. 7B-601; and

The proposed alternative plan will require no greater proportion of State funds than the district court district's abuse and neglect caseload represents to the State's abuse and neglect caseload. Computation of abuse and neglect caseloads shall include such factors as the juvenile population, number of substantiated abuse and neglect reports, number of abuse and neglect petitions, number of abused and neglected juveniles in care to be reviewed pursuant to G.S. 7B-906.1, nature of the district's district court caseload, and number of petitions to terminate parental rights.

When an alternative plan is approved pursuant to this section, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall retain authority to monitor implementation of the said plan in order to assure compliance with the requirements of this Article and G.S. 7B-601. In any district court district where the Administrative Office of the Courts determines that implementation of an alternative plan is not in compliance with the requirements of this section, the Administrative Office of the Courts may implement and administer a program authorized by this Article.

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT			CHARACTER
01	1983	c. 761, s. 160			ENACTED
02	1983	1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1037, s. 35			AMENDED
03	1998	S.L. 1998-202, s. 6			AMENDED
04	2013	S.L. 2013-129, s. 38			AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 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. 7B-601	(null)(1)	"consistent with the duties stated in"
G.S. 7B-906.1	(null)(2)	"care to be reviewed pursuant to"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1203 (2013).

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(1983, c. 761, s. 160; 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1037, s. 35; 1998-202, s. 6; 2013-129, s. 38.)

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