



CHAPTER 7B

ARTICLE 16 - JURISDICTION

N.C.G.S. § 7B-1601.

Jurisdiction over delinquent juveniles.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2021-123, s. 1(b) — fourteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 03:31 UTC	51da25e33a47606cab262bce - 0e4f2f0883d126c5e767c8be - 415dac4b3fe9752f

- § 7B-1601(a)** The court has exclusive, original jurisdiction over any case involving a juvenile who is alleged to be delinquent. For purposes of determining jurisdiction, the age of the juvenile at the time of the alleged offense governs.
- § 7B-1601(b)** When the court obtains jurisdiction over a juvenile alleged to be delinquent for an offense committed prior to the juvenile reaching the age of 16 years, jurisdiction shall continue until terminated by order of the court or until the juvenile reaches the age of 18 years, except as provided otherwise in this Article.
- § 7B-1601(b1)** When the court obtains jurisdiction over a juvenile alleged to be delinquent for an offense committed while the juvenile was at least 16 years of age but less than 17 years of age, jurisdiction shall continue until terminated by order of the court or until the juvenile reaches the age of 19 years, except as provided otherwise in this Article. If the offense was committed while the juvenile was at least 17 years of age, jurisdiction shall continue until terminated by order of the court or until the juvenile reaches the age of 20 years, except as provided otherwise in this Article.
- § 7B-1601(c)** When delinquency proceedings for a juvenile alleged to be delinquent for an offense committed prior to the juvenile reaching the age of 16 years cannot be concluded before the juvenile reaches the age of 18 years, the court retains jurisdiction for the sole purpose of conducting proceedings pursuant to Article 22 of this Chapter and either transferring the case to superior court for trial as an adult or dismissing the petition.

- § 7B-1601(c1)** When delinquency proceedings for a juvenile alleged to be delinquent for an offense committed while the juvenile was at least 16 years of age but less than 17 years of age cannot be concluded before the juvenile reaches the age of 19 years, the court retains jurisdiction for the sole purpose of conducting proceedings pursuant to Article 22 of this Chapter and either transferring the case to superior court for trial as an adult or dismissing the petition. When delinquency proceedings for a juvenile alleged to be delinquent for an offense committed while the juvenile was at least 17 years of age cannot be concluded before the juvenile reaches the age of 20 years, the court retains jurisdiction for the sole purpose of conducting proceedings pursuant to Article 22 of this Chapter and either transferring the case to superior court for trial as an adult or dismissing the petition.
- § 7B-1601(d)** When the court has not obtained jurisdiction over a juvenile before the juvenile reaches the age of 18, for a felony and any related misdemeanors the juvenile allegedly committed on or after the juvenile's thirteenth birthday and prior to the juvenile's sixteenth birthday, the court has jurisdiction for the sole purpose of conducting proceedings pursuant to Article 22 of this Chapter and either transferring the case to superior court for trial as an adult or dismissing the petition.
- § 7B-1601(d1)** When the court has not obtained jurisdiction over a juvenile before the juvenile reaches the age of 19, for a felony and related misdemeanors the juvenile allegedly committed while the juvenile was at least 16 years of age but less than 17 years of age, the court has jurisdiction for the sole purpose of conducting proceedings pursuant to Article 22 of this Chapter and either transferring the case to superior court for trial as an adult or dismissing the petition. When the court has not obtained jurisdiction over a juvenile before the juvenile reaches the age of 20, for a felony and related misdemeanors the juvenile allegedly committed while the juvenile was at least 17 years of age but less than 18 years of age, the court has jurisdiction for the sole purpose of conducting proceedings pursuant to Article 22 of this Chapter and either transferring the case to superior court for trial as an adult or dismissing the petition.
- § 7B-1601(e)** The court has jurisdiction over delinquent juveniles in the custody of the Division and over proceedings to determine whether a juvenile who is under the post-release supervision of the juvenile court counselor has violated the terms of the juvenile's post-release supervision.
- § 7B-1601(f)** The court has jurisdiction over persons 18 years of age or older who are under the extended jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

§ 7B-1601(g)

The court has jurisdiction over the parent, guardian, or custodian of a juvenile who is under the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to this section if the parent, guardian, or custodian has been served with a summons pursuant to G.S. 7B-1805.

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APPARATUS I
14 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1979	c. 815, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1983	c. 837, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1985	c. 459, s. 2	AMENDED
04	1987	c. 409, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1995	c. 328, s. 3	AMENDED
06	1995	c. 462, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1996	2nd Ex. Sess., c. 18, s. 23.2(c)	AMENDED
08	1998	S.L. 1998-202, s. 6	AMENDED
09	2000	S.L. 2000-137, s. 3	AMENDED
10	2001	S.L. 2001-490, s. 2.2	AMENDED
11	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 19.1(l)	AMENDED
12	2017	S.L. 2017-57, s. 16D.4(b)	AMENDED
13	2018	S.L. 2018-142, s. 23(b)	AMENDED
14	2021	S.L. 2021-123, s. 1(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

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-1805	(g)	<i>"served with a summons pursuant to"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1601(a) (2021).

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