



CHAPTER 7B
ARTICLE 16 - JURISDICTION

N.C.G.S. § 7B-1604.

Limitations on juvenile court jurisdiction.

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§ 7B-1604(a) Any juvenile, including a juvenile who is under the jurisdiction of the court, who commits a criminal offense on or after the juvenile has reached the age of 18 years is subject to prosecution as an adult. A juvenile who is emancipated shall be prosecuted as an adult for the commission of a criminal offense.

§ 7B-1604(b) A juvenile shall be prosecuted as an adult for any criminal offense the juvenile commits after a district or superior court conviction if either of the following applies:

INFRACTION

- (1) The juvenile has previously been transferred to and convicted in superior court.
- (2) The juvenile has previously been convicted in either district or superior court for a felony or a misdemeanor. Violations of the motor vehicle laws punishable as a misdemeanor or infraction shall not be considered a conviction for the purposes of this subsection unless the conviction is for an offense involving impaired driving as defined by G.S. 20-4.01(24a).

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APPARATUS I
12 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1979	c. 815, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1981	c. 469, s. 4	AMENDED
03	1983	c. 837, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1985	c. 459, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1987	c. 409, s. 2	AMENDED
06	1995	c. 328, s. 3	AMENDED
07	1995	c. 462, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1996	2nd Ex. Sess., c. 18, s. 23.2(c)	AMENDED
09	1998	S.L. 1998-202, s. 6	AMENDED
10	2017	S.L. 2017-57, s. 16D.4(c)	AMENDED
11	2018	S.L. 2018-142, s. 23(b)	AMENDED
12	2019	S.L. 2019-186, s. 2	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. 20-4.01(24a)	(b)(2)	<i>"involving impaired driving as defined by"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1604 (2019).

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