



CHAPTER 7B

ARTICLE 3 - SCREENING OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT COMPLAINTS

N.C.G.S. § 7B-307.

Duty of director to report evidence of abuse, neglect; investigation by local law enforcement; notification to appropriate military authority; notification of Department of Health and Human Services.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2019-201, s. 3(b) — thirteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 03:30 UTC	afbd3fcf8a7255851f8cd7d5 - e89dca3e46945ff93594be89 - fd2198f5002887c2

§ 7B-307(a)

If the director finds evidence that a juvenile may have been abused as defined by G.S. 7B-101, the director shall make an immediate oral and subsequent written report of the findings to the district attorney or the district attorney's designee and the appropriate local law enforcement agency, including notifying the appropriate military authority that there is evidence of abuse or neglect of a juvenile by a parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker with that military affiliation, within 48 hours after receipt of the report. The local law enforcement agency shall immediately, but no later than 48 hours after receipt of the information, initiate and coordinate a criminal investigation with the protective services assessment being conducted by the county department of social services. Upon completion of the investigation, the district attorney shall determine whether criminal prosecution is appropriate and may request the director or the director's designee to appear before a magistrate.

If the director receives information that a juvenile may have been physically harmed in violation of any criminal statute by any person other than the juvenile's parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker, the director shall make an immediate oral and subsequent written report of that information to the district attorney or the district

attorney's designee and to the appropriate local law enforcement agency within 48 hours after receipt of the information. The local law enforcement agency shall immediately, but no later than 48 hours after receipt of the information, initiate a criminal investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, the district attorney shall determine whether criminal prosecution is appropriate.

If the report received pursuant to G.S. 7B-301 involves abuse or neglect of a juvenile or child maltreatment, as defined in G.S. 110-105.3, in child care, the director shall notify the Department of Health and Human Services within 24 hours or on the next working day of receipt of the report.

The director of the department of social services shall submit a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or dependency cases or child fatalities that are the result of alleged maltreatment to the central registry under the policies adopted by the Social Services Commission.

§ 7B-307(b) , (c) Repealed by Session Laws 2015-123, s. 5, effective January 1, 2016.

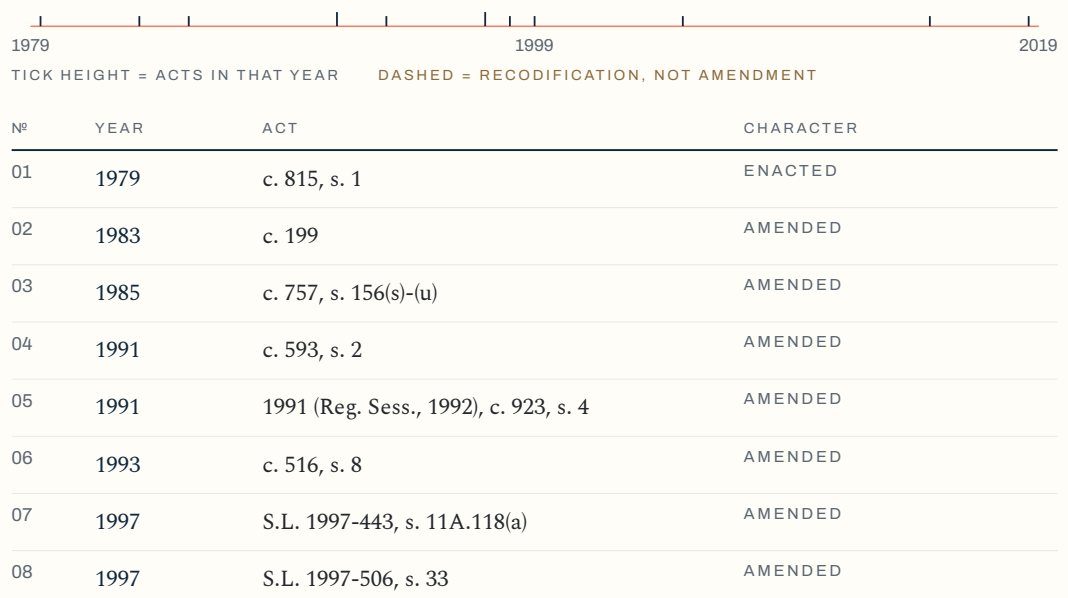
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APPARATUS I
13 ACTS

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10	1999	S.L. 1999-456, s. 60	AMENDED
11	2005	S.L. 2005-55, s. 7	AMENDED
12	2015	S.L. 2015-123, s. 5	AMENDED
13	2019	S.L. 2019-201, s. 3(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 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-101	(a)	<i>"have been abused as defined by"</i>
G.S. 7B-301	(a)	<i>"If the report received pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 110-105.3	(a)	<i>"or child maltreatment, as defined in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-307 (2019).

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