



CHAPTER 90

ARTICLE 5 - NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

N.C.G.S. § 90-95.4.

Employing or intentionally using minor to commit a drug law violation.

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§ 90-95.4(a)

A person who is at least 18 years old but less than 21 years old who hires or intentionally uses a minor to violate G.S. 90-95(a)(1) shall be guilty of a felony. An offense under this subsection shall be punishable as follows:

- (1) If the minor was more than 13 years of age, then as a felony that is one class more severe than the violation of G.S. 90-95(a)(1) for which the minor was hired or intentionally used.
- (2) If the minor was 13 years of age or younger, then as a felony that is two classes more severe than the violation of G.S. 90-95(a)(1) for which the minor was hired or intentionally used.

§ 90-95.4(b)

A person 21 years of age or older who hires or intentionally uses a minor to violate G.S. 90-95(a)(1) shall be guilty of a felony. An offense under this subsection shall be punishable as follows:

- (1) If the minor was more than 13 years of age, then as a felony that is three classes more severe than the violation of G.S. 90-95(a)(1) for which the minor was hired or intentionally used.
- (2) If the minor was 13 years of age or younger, then as a felony that is four classes more severe than the violation of G.S. 90-95(a)(1) for which the minor was hired or intentionally used.

§ 90-95.4(c)

Mistake of Age. - Mistake of age is not a defense to a prosecution under this section.

§ 90-95.4(d) The term "minor" as used in this section is defined as an individual who is less than 18 years of age. (1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1081, s. 1; 1998-212, s. 17.16(f).)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 90-95(a)(1)	(a)	"intentionally uses a minor to violate"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-95.4 (2026).

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