

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2019**

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**HOUSE BILL 347
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/3/19
Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 5/6/19**

Short Title: Study No Delinquent/Undisciplined Under 10.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 14, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE JUVENILE JURISDICTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
2 STUDY MODIFYING THE DEFINITIONS OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE AND
3 UNDISCIPLINED JUVENILE TO INCLUDE ONLY JUVENILES AT LEAST TEN
4 YEARS OF AGE.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee (Committee) shall
8 study the effects of modifying the definitions of delinquent juvenile and undisciplined juvenile
9 to include only juveniles who are under 16 years old, but at least 10 years old, and no longer
10 include juveniles between the ages of 6 and 10.

11 **SECTION 2.** In conducting this study, the Committee shall consider all of the
12 following:

- 13 (1) The number of delinquent juveniles under the age of 10 and the kinds of
14 crimes and infractions these juveniles have committed, and the number of
15 undisciplined juveniles under the age of 10.
16 (2) The ways other states address juveniles under the age of 10 who commit
17 crimes or infractions, are unlawfully absent from school, or are regularly
18 disobedient.
19 (3) The input of interested stakeholders.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations, which
21 may include recommended legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice
22 and Public Safety no later than March 1, 2020.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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