## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1985 SESSION

## CHAPTER 668 HOUSE BILL 77

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE FELONY CHILD ABUSE LAW BY PROHIBITING THE INFLICTION OF ANY SERIOUS INJURY AND BY INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-318.4(a) is rewritten to read:

- "(a) A parent or any other person providing care to or supervision of a child less than 16 years of age who intentionally inflicts any serious physical injury upon or to the child or who intentionally commits an assault upon the child which results in any serious physical injury to the child is guilty of a Class H felony."
- Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1985, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of July, 1985.