

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 252

Short Title: Appoint Guardian Ad Litem.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Barnes.

Referred to: Judiciary.

February 16, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM TO BE A MEMBER OF THE JUVENILE LAW STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-740 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-740. Creation; members; terms; qualifications; vacancies.

The Juvenile Law Study Commission is hereby created. It shall consist of 18 voting members, 14 to be appointed by the Governor, two by the President of the Senate, and two by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members appointed by the President of the Senate shall be members of the Senate at the time of their appointment; the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be members of the House of Representatives at the time of their appointment. Of the members appointed by the Governor, two shall be district court judges, one from an urban district, one from a rural. Three shall be a chief court counselor and two court counselors representing the Intake Division, one from an urban district, one from a rural. Two shall be from Social Services, one from the State level and one from the county. One shall be from the Division of Youth Services. One shall be from a local facility of Community Based Alternatives. ~~Two~~ One shall be a youth member representing the youth of the State who shall be persons a person under the age of 21 at the time of ~~their appointment.~~ the appointment, who shall serve for one year. One shall be a State or local representative of the Guardian Ad Litem Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts, who shall serve for two years. One shall be from Law Enforcement. One shall be from the North Carolina Juvenile Detention Association.

1 One shall be the member of the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee of the Governor's
2 Crime Commission recommended for appointment by the Juvenile Justice Planning
3 Committee and shall serve for three years. The district court judges and the Social
4 Services members shall serve for three years. The chief court counselor and the court
5 counselors shall serve for two years. The representatives from the Division of Youth
6 Services, Law Enforcement, Community Based Alternatives, and the Juvenile Detention
7 Association shall serve for one year. The legislative members shall serve for two-year
8 terms. All initial terms shall begin July 1, 1980. A vacancy in membership shall be
9 filled by the appointing authority who made the initial appointment. When the members'
10 terms expire, their successors shall serve for the same length of time their predecessors
11 served. A member whose term expires may be reappointed. If, when a term expires, the
12 appointing authority has not filled the vacancy, the member whose term has expired
13 shall continue to serve until the appointment is made."

14 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.