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HOUSE BILL 526
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Short Title: Mentally Ill Minor Def.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 13, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A MENTALLY ILL MINOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122C-3(21) reads as rewritten:

"(21) 'Mental illness' means: (i) when applied to an adult, an illness which so lessens the capacity of the individual to use self-control, judgment, and discretion in the conduct of his affairs and social relations as to make it necessary or advisable for him to be under treatment, care, supervision, guidance, or control; and (ii) when applied to a minor, a mental condition, other than mental retardation alone, that so ~~lessens or~~ impairs the youth's capacity ~~either to develop or to~~ exercise ~~age appropriate or age adequate~~ self-control, judgment, or initiative ~~self-control or judgment~~ in the conduct of his activities and social relationships ~~as to make it necessary or advisable for him to be under treatment, care, supervision, guidance, or control so that he is in need of~~ treatment."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.