

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1995

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SENATE BILL 361

Short Title: Extend Juvenile Pilot Program.

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Sponsors: Senator Cooper.

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Referred to: Judiciary I/Constitution

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT RECOMMENDED BY THE JUVENILE CODE COMMITTEE OF THE  
2 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO EXTEND THE PILOT  
3 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
4 COURTS REGARDING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION OVER JUVENILES  
5 BETWEEN SIXTEEN AND EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE BEYOND  
6 THE DISCIPLINARY CONTROL OF THEIR PARENTS AND TO CLARIFY THE  
7 SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM.  
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 47 of the 1993 Session Laws reads as  
11 rewritten:

12 "Section 1. There is established a pilot program to be administered by the  
13 Administrative Office of the Courts to expand juvenile court jurisdiction in the pilot  
14 counties to include as undisciplined juveniles those juveniles at least 16 years of age and  
15 under 18 years of age who are beyond the disciplinary control of their parents. The pilot  
16 program shall be implemented in Catawba, Bertie, and McDowell Counties. In these  
17 counties, for the duration of the pilot, the definition of undisciplined juvenile shall  
18 include 'a juvenile at least 16 years of age and less than 18 years of age who is beyond the  
19 disciplinary control of his parent, guardian, or ~~eustodian~~—custodian, who is regularly  
20 found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be, or who has run away from

1 home.' The purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether juvenile court  
2 jurisdiction should be broadened to include such juveniles on a statewide basis. The  
3 Administrative Office of the Courts shall ~~evaluate the pilot and~~ file a progress report on the  
4 pilot with the General Assembly on or before the convening of the 1995 ~~Session.~~ Session  
5 and a final report on or before the convening of the 1997 Session. The final report shall  
6 include statistics regarding the number of juveniles who have participated in the pilot  
7 program and the effectiveness of the program for participating juveniles. The State  
8 Auditor's Office shall conduct a financial and performance audit of the pilot and file the  
9 audit with the General Assembly on or before the convening of the 1997 Session. The  
10 audit shall include all information and activities of the pilot through December, 1996.  
11 The pilot shall terminate ~~April 1, 1995.~~ April 1, 1997. The pilot program shall be  
12 conducted within existing funds of the Administrative Office of the Courts."

13           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective March 31, 1995.