

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1122**

Short Title: Guardianship Training Requirements. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield; and Hackney.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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April 10, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARING  
2 OFFICERS IN GUARDIANSHIP CASES.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 35A-1203(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) Clerks of superior court in their respective counties have original jurisdiction  
6 for the appointment of guardians of the person, guardians of the estate, or general  
7 guardians for incompetent persons and of related proceedings brought or filed under this  
8 Subchapter. Clerks of superior court in their respective counties have original  
9 jurisdiction for the appointment of guardians of the estate for minors, for the  
10 appointment of guardians of the person or general guardians for minors who have no  
11 natural guardian, and of related proceedings brought or filed under this Subchapter. No  
12 clerk of superior court, assistant clerk, or other person appointed by a clerk of superior  
13 court who is not a licensed attorney, shall preside over a guardianship case pursuant to  
14 the clerk's judicial power case without first being provided with training on the law and  
15 procedure of such cases by the faculty of the Institute of Government or other  
16 appropriate persons, as determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2004, and applies to  
18 persons appointed on or after that date.  
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