

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 617**

Short Title: Allow Repeat Referral to Teen Court. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ross, Murphy, Faircloth, and Brockman (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 8, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE PROHIBITION ON REFERRING A JUVENILE TO A TEEN  
3 COURT PROGRAM IF THE JUVENILE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO A TEEN COURT  
4 PROGRAM PREVIOUSLY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-1706(c) reads as rewritten:

7 "(c) If a teen court program has been established in the district, the juvenile court  
8 counselor, upon a finding of legal sufficiency, may refer to a teen court program, any case in  
9 which a juvenile has allegedly committed an offense that would be an infraction or misdemeanor  
10 if committed by an adult. However, the juvenile court counselor shall not refer a case to a teen  
11 court program ~~(i) if the juvenile has been referred to a teen court program previously, or (ii) if~~  
12 the juvenile is alleged to have committed any of the following offenses:

- 13 (1) Driving while impaired under G.S. 20-138.1, 20-138.2, 20-138.3, 20-138.5,  
14 or 20-138.7, or any other motor vehicle violation;  
15 (2) A Class A1 misdemeanor;  
16 (3) An assault in which a weapon is used; or  
17 (4) A controlled substance offense under Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General  
18 Statutes, other than simple possession of a Schedule VI drug or alcohol."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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