

# Children and Families

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## **H301 - Court Improvement Project Revisions/Juvenile Code. (SL 2019-33)**

S.L. 2019-33 makes revisions to the Juvenile Code as recommended by Juvenile Code Revision Subcommittee of the North Carolina Court Improvement Program (CIP).

This act became effective October 1, 2019.

## **H469 - Various Family Law Changes. (SL 2019-172)**

S.L. 2019-172 does the following:

- Modifies the laws pertaining to equitable distribution and pension, retirement, and deferred compensation benefits.
- Modifies the laws pertaining to parenting coordinators.
- Makes various changes to the adoption laws.

Part I of this act became effective October 1, 2019, and applies to distributions on or after that date. Part II and Part III of the act became effective October 1, 2019. Except as otherwise provided, the act became effective on July 26, 2019.

## **H578 - Modify Legitimations Provisions. (SL 2019-42)**

S.L. 2019-42 removes language in regard to the legitimation process that conflicts with current case law.

This act became effective June 21, 2019, and applies to birth certificates issued on or after that date.

## **H617 - Allow Repeat Referral to Teen Court. (SL 2019-41)**

S.L. 2019-41 allows a juvenile to be referred to a teen court program more than once by removing the prohibition on referring a juvenile to a teen court program if the juvenile has been referred to a teen court program previously.

This act became effective on June 21, 2019.

## **H1001 - Raise the Age Funding. (SL 2019-229)**

S.L. 2019-229 (i) increases the number of full-time assistant district attorneys allowed in certain prosecutorial districts, (ii) adjusts the number of district court judges allowed in certain district court districts, and (iii) appropriates funds to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Office of Indigent

Defense Services, and the Department of Public Safety to cover costs associated with increased staff and other additional resources needed to implement Section 16D.4 of S.L. 2017-57 ("Raise the Age legislation").

Except as otherwise provided, the act became effective July 1, 2019.

**S199 - Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws. (SL 2019-245)**

S.L. 2019-245 protects children from sexual abuse and strengthens and modernizes sexual assault laws.

Parts I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of this act became effective December 1, 2019, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. Part IV of this act became effective December 1, 2019, and applies to civil actions commenced on or after that date. The remainder of this act became effective on November 7, 2019.

**S413 - Raise the Age Modifications. (SL 2019-186)**

S.L. 2019-186 modifies certain juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice statutes to facilitate implementation of the legislation known as "Raise the Age."

This act became effective on December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.