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HOUSE BILL 904

Short Title: Increase Misdemeanor Child Abuse Penalty. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin; and Barefoot.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

March 29, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR MISDEMEANOR CHILD ABUSE
TO A CLASS A1 MISDEMEANOR SO THAT IT IS THE SAME AS THE
PENALTY FOR ASSAULT ON AN ADULT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-318.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-318.2. **Child abuse a Class 1 A1 misdemeanor.**

(a) Any parent of a child less than 16 years of age, or any other person providing care to or supervision of ~~such~~ the child, who inflicts physical injury, or who allows physical injury to be inflicted, or who creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury, upon or to ~~such~~ the child by other than accidental means is guilty of the Class 1 A1 misdemeanor of child abuse.

(b) The Class 1 A1 misdemeanor of child abuse is an offense additional to other civil and criminal provisions and is not intended to repeal or preclude any other sanctions or remedies."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2001, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.