

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1995**

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**HOUSE BILL 255\***

Short Title: Extend Juvenile Pilot Program.

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Sponsors: Representatives Hensley, Robinson, R. Hunter, Brawley, Berry, Thompson, Buchanan, Rogers, and H. Hunter (Co-sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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February 23, 1995

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT RECOMMENDED BY THE JUVENILE CODE COMMITTEE OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO EXTEND THE PILOT  
PROGRAM FOR CATAWBA, BERTIE, AND MCDOWELL COUNTIES  
ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS  
REGARDING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION OVER JUVENILES  
BETWEEN SIXTEEN AND EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE BEYOND  
THE DISCIPLINARY CONTROL OF THEIR PARENTS AND TO CLARIFY THE  
SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"Section 1. There is established a pilot program to be administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts to expand juvenile court jurisdiction in the pilot counties to include as undisciplined juveniles those juveniles at least 16 years of age and under 18 years of age who are beyond the disciplinary control of their parents. The pilot program shall be implemented in Catawba, Bertie, and McDowell Counties. In these counties, for the duration of the pilot, the definition of undisciplined juvenile shall include 'a juvenile at least 16 years of age and less than 18 years of age who is beyond the

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

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