NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 692
HOUSE BILL 476

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY AND NEGLECT BY PARENTS AND OTHERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-316.1 is rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 14-316.1. Contributing to delinquency and neglect by parents and others. — Any person over 16 years of age who knowingly or wilfully causes, encourages, or aids any juvenile within the jurisdiction of the court to be in a place or condition, or to commit an act whereby the juvenile could be adjudicated delinquent, undisciplined, abused, or neglected as defined by G.S. 7A-507 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

It is not necessary for the district court exercising juvenile jurisdiction to make an adjudication that any juvenile is delinquent, undisciplined, abused, or neglected in order to prosecute a parent or any person, including an employee of the Department of Human Resources under this section. An adjudication that a juvenile is delinquent, undisciplined, abused, or neglected shall not preclude a subsequent prosecution of a parent or any other person including an employee of the Division of Youth Services who contributes to the delinquent, undisciplined, abused, or neglected condition of any juvenile."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of May, 1979.