

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-113  
HOUSE BILL 153

AN ACT RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE TO  
IMPROVE THE DEFINITION OF "DEPENDENT JUVENILE".

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-517(13) reads as rewritten:

"(13) Dependent Juvenile. – A juvenile in need of assistance or placement because ~~he~~ the juvenile has no parent, guardian, or custodian responsible for the juvenile's care or supervision or whose parent, guardian, or eustodian, ~~due to physical or mental incapacity and the absence of an appropriate alternative child care arrangement,~~ custodian is unable to provide for the care or ~~supervision.~~ supervision and lacks an appropriate alternative child care arrangement."

Section 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997, and applies to adjudications of dependency made on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of May, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 4:32 p.m. this 29th day of May, 1997