

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 270
SENATE BILL 611

AN ACT TO CLARIFY LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE IN EXERCISING JUVENILE
JURISDICTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-277 is rewritten to read as follows:

"The purpose of this Article is to provide procedures and resources for children within the juvenile jurisdiction of the district court which are different in purpose and philosophy from the procedures applicable to criminal cases involving adults. These procedures are intended to provide a simple judicial process to provide such protection, treatment, rehabilitation or correction as may be appropriate in relation to the needs of each child subject to juvenile jurisdiction and the best interest of the State. The intent of this Article is to assure that, where possible, the court will arrange for the available community resources to be utilized to strengthen the child's family relationships in order to avoid removal of the child from his own home or community. Therefore, this Article should be interpreted as remedial in its purposes to the end that any child subject to the procedures applicable to children in the district court will be benefitted through the exercise of the court's juvenile jurisdiction."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 26th day of April,
1973.