

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 199
HOUSE BILL 332

AN ACT TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF ALL CASES OF ABUSED JUVENILES
TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The first sentence of G.S. 7A-548 is rewritten to read:

"If the Director finds evidence that a juvenile has been abused as defined by G.S. 7A-517(1), he shall immediately make a written report of the findings of his investigation to the district attorney, who shall determine if criminal prosecution is appropriate, and who may request the Director or his designee to appear before a magistrate.

If the Director receives information that a juvenile has been physically harmed in violation of any criminal statute by any person other than the juvenile's parent or other person responsible for his care, he shall make an oral or written report of that information to the district attorney or the district attorney's designee within 24 hours after receipt of the information. The district attorney shall determine whether criminal prosecution is appropriate."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 21st day of April, 1983.