

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 302
SENATE BILL 273

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS OF JUVENILES TO
TREATMENT FACILITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122-56.5 is amended by adding the following sentences at the end of that section:

"In an emergency situation, a minor who is mentally ill or an inebriate and in need of treatment may be admitted to a treatment facility upon his own written application, and such application shall serve as the initiating document for the hearing conducted in accordance with G.S. 122-56.7. Within 24 hours of admission, the responsible parent, guardian or person standing in loco parentis will be notified of the admission unless such notification is impossible due to inability to identify the responsible individual, inability to ascertain the whereabouts of the responsible individual, or inability to contact the responsible individual after all reasonable means to establish contact have been attempted."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90-21.5(a) is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of that subsection:

"This section does not prohibit the admission of a minor to a treatment facility upon his own written application in an emergency situation as authorized by G.S. 122-56.5."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of May, 1983.