

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 837
HOUSE BILL 932

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COURT-ORDERED PARENT PARTICIPATION IN
TREATMENT IN CERTAIN JUVENILE CASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-523 is amended by designating the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection (b) to read:

"(b) The court shall have jurisdiction over the parent of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent, undisciplined, abused, neglected or dependent, as provided by the special hearing prescribed by G.S. 7A-650, provided the parent has been properly served with notice of the special hearing."

Sec. 2. G.S. 7A-650 is amended by designating subsection (c) as subsection (d) and by inserting a new subsection (c) to read:

"(c) In any case where a juvenile has been adjudicated as delinquent, undisciplined, abused, neglected or dependent, the judge may conduct a special hearing to determine if the court should order the parents to participate in medical, psychiatric, psychological or other treatment. The notice of this hearing shall be by special petition and summons to be filed by the court and served upon the parents at the conclusion of the adjudication hearing. If, at this hearing, the court finds it in the best interest of the juvenile for the parent to be directly involved in treatment, the judge may order the parent to participate in medical, psychiatric, psychological or other treatment."

Sec. 3. G.S. 7A-650 is further amended by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e).

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective October 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 20th day of July, 1983.