

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 870
SENATE BILL 433

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTED FOR A
JUVENILE ALLEGEDLY ABUSED OR NEGLECTED MAY PETITION FOR
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-289.24 is amended by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (5), by substituting the phrase "; or", and by adding a new subdivision (6) to read:

"(6) Any guardian ad litem appointed to represent the minor child pursuant to G.S. 7A-586, who has not been relieved of this responsibility and who has served in this capacity for at least one continuous year."

Sec. 2. G.S. 7A-289.29(b) is amended at the end of the first sentence by inserting between the word "child" and the period the following language: ", unless the petition was filed by the guardian ad litem pursuant to G.S. 7A-289.24(6). A licensed attorney shall be appointed to assist those guardians ad litem who are not attorneys licensed to practice in North Carolina".

Sec. 3. G.S. 7A-289.33(1) is amended by inserting immediately after the phrase "of such filing of the petition," the phrase "including a petition filed pursuant to G.S. 7A- 289.24(6),".

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to petitions filed on or after this date.

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