

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 598  
HOUSE BILL 397

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CHILD ABUSE  
PAY FOR REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT FOR THE VICTIM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 15A-1343(b1) is amended by designating Subdivision (9) as Subdivision (10) and adding a new Subdivision (9) to read as follows:

"(9) If the offense is one in which there is evidence of physical, mental or sexual abuse of a minor, the court should encourage the minor and the minor's parents or custodians to participate in rehabilitative treatment and may order the defendant to pay the cost of such treatment."

Sec. 2. G.S. 7A-650(b1) is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the words "and pay the costs thereof".

Sec. 3. G.S. 15A-1021(d) is amended by inserting after the first paragraph and before the second paragraph the following:

"If the offense is one in which there is evidence of physical, mental or sexual abuse of a minor, the court should encourage the minor and the minor's parents or custodians to participate in rehabilitative treatment and the plea agreement may include a provision that the defendant will be ordered to pay for such treatment."

Sec 4. G.S. 148-57.1(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to the end to read:

"If the offense is one in which there is evidence of physical, mental or sexual abuse of a minor, the court may order, as a condition of parole, that the defendant pay the cost of any rehabilitative treatment for the minor."

Sec. 5. G.S. 148-33.2(c) is amended by inserting immediately after the phrase "G.S. 15A-1343(d)." and before the next sentence a new sentence to read:

"If the offense is one in which there is evidence of physical, mental or sexual abuse of a minor, the court may order the defendant to pay from work release earnings the cost of rehabilitative treatment for the minor."

Sec. 6. This act shall become effective October 1, 1987. It shall apply to any person sentenced or any juvenile dispositional hearing held on or after that effective date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of July, 1987.