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S 82. ENDANGERMENT OF JUVENILE. Filed 2/7/07. *TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF ENDANGERING A JUVENILE.* Enacts new GS 14-318.5 to impose criminal penalties for endangering a juvenile (a person who has not reached the person's 18th birthday and is not married, emancipated, or a member of the US armed forces). Makes it a Class G felony for a parent or any other person providing care to or supervision of a juvenile who engage in a willful act or omission in the care of the juvenile that is so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show reckless disregard for human life. Makes it a Class F felony if the offense results in serious injury and a Class E felony if the offense results in serious bodily injury, as defined. Creates an exception from prosecution for a parent who abandons an infant less than seven days old pursuant to GS 14-322.3. Effective December 1, 2007.

Intro. by Allran.

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