



HOUSE BILL 294: Prohibit Cell Phone/Delinquent Juvenile.-AB

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 294 would make it a criminal offense to provide a cell phone to a delinquent juvenile in custody of the Department of Public Safety.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 7B-1501(7) defines "delinquent juvenile" as follows:

- (7) Delinquent juvenile. – Any juvenile who, while less than 16 years of age but at least 6 years of age, commits a crime or infraction under State law or under an ordinance of local government, including violation of the motor vehicle laws, or who commits indirect contempt by a juvenile as defined in G.S. 5A-31.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 294 would amend G.S. 14-258.1(d), which prohibits furnishing a cell phone to inmates, to also prohibit furnishing a cell phone to delinquent juveniles in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

