

Court Improvement Program

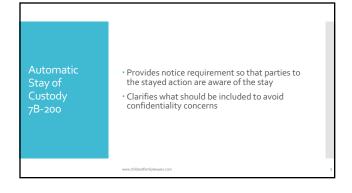
Mission: to improve the performance of North Carolina's juvenile courts in abuse and neglect cases so that safety, permanence, and well-being for each child are achieved in a fair and timely manner

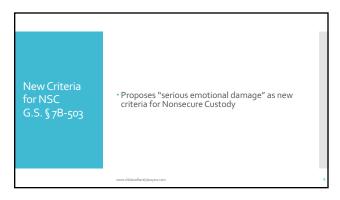
Proposed Juvenile Code Revisions (DRAFT)
 Summary of Proposed Juvenile Code Revisions (DRAFT)

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Responsible Individuals List G.S. § 7B-101, 320-324

• Expand Definition
• Notification
• Clarify Eligibility
• Allow Law Enforcement
• Clarify Admissible Evidence





Guardians and Custodians G.S. § 7B-600, 903

*Recognizes that the ability to provide a stable placement for six consecutive months is evidence of adequate resources.

When
Reunification
Efforts Not
Required at
Disposition
G.S. § 7B-901

- TPR must have been prior to disposition (not simultaneous)
- PPH required after efforts not required at
Disposition

Visitation
G.S. § 7B-905.1

• Clarifies the authority of the Director and Court regarding visitation determinations
• Establishes procedural timeline for hearing visitation issues

Review and
Permanency
Planning
Hearings
G.S. § 7B-906.1

* Review hearings shall be every 6 months

* Remove language that could be read as separating reunification Pf from reunification efforts

* Still requires default reunification as primary or secondary

* Allows for waiving hearings after 6 mos. in placement by consent

Concurrent
Planning
G.S. § 7B-906.2

• Clarifies language around reunification as PP
• Clarifies language around reunification efforts prior to PP
• "lack of success" changed to "degree of success or failure toward reunification"

Post-TPR
G.S. § 7B-908

• Guardian receives notice
• Child does not have to be 12 to participate
• Order entered within 30 days

