

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 223
HOUSE BILL 526

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A MENTALLY ILL MINOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122C-3(21) reads as rewritten:

"(21) 'Mental illness' means: (i) when applied to an adult, an illness which so lessens the capacity of the individual to use self-control, judgment, and discretion in the conduct of his affairs and social relations as to make it necessary or advisable for him to be under treatment, care, supervision, guidance, or control; and (ii) when applied to a minor, a mental condition, other than mental retardation alone, that so ~~lessens or~~ impairs the youth's capacity ~~either to develop or to~~ exercise age appropriate or age adequate self-control, judgment, or initiative self-control or judgment in the conduct of his activities and social relationships ~~as to make it necessary or advisable for him to be under treatment, care, supervision, guidance, or control so that he is in need of treatment.~~"

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of June,
1989.