



## TAKE ACTION NOW!

1. Find out who represents you at <http://www.ncleg.net/representation/WhoRepresentsMe.aspx>.
2. Call and email your NC Senator and NC House Representative. (Calls are more personal and have a greater impact! When calling, be sure to say your full name, city, and the best phone number at which you can be reached.) If they are a co-sponsor of raise the age legislation then tell them "thanks", if not then ask them for their support! (See talking points below.)
3. Write an email to your friends and family telling them why you believe this is an important issue and asking them to contact their NC Senator and NC House member. Link to: [www.raisetheagenc.org](http://www.raisetheagenc.org) and [http://www.cfcrights.org/issues/policy-priorities/rta\\_2017/](http://www.cfcrights.org/issues/policy-priorities/rta_2017/) to provide more background information.

## KEEP KIDS OUT OF THE ADULT COURT SYSTEM

### THANK YOU MESSAGE:

"Dear Representative or Senator xxxxx: Thank you for co-sponsoring raise the age legislation (House Bill 280 or Senate Bill 146). Please continue to advocate for this much-needed and long overdue reform. As you know, evidence shows that the juvenile court system - with programs tailored to how children think and learn - is far more effective at rehabilitating youth than the adult system. Also, please continue to advocate for full funding for raise the age implementation. Thanks for all you do and for your service to the people of our great state."

### PLEASE SUPPORT MESSAGE:

"Dear Representative or Senator xxxxx: I urge your support of House Bill 280 to raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 16 to 18. As you probably know, North Carolina is one of only two states in the US that automatically treats all 16- and 17-year-olds as adults in the Court system. Evidence shows that the juvenile court system - with programs tailored to how children think and learn - is far more effective at rehabilitating youth, which means lower costs to society and more children growing up to become educated, employed citizens. Please support this important and much-needed change for our children. Thanks for all you do and for your service to the people of our great state."

Mecklenburg County HB-280 and SB-146\* legislative co-sponsors: Reps. Autry, Beasley, Belk, Bradford, Brawley, Carney, Cunningham, Dulin, Moore, Stone; Sens. Ford, Waddell.

*\*SB-146 is a similar "raise the age" bill filed in the NC Senate.*

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